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PAULA ZAHN:

Governor DuKaKis will extend a formal welcome to the leaders of the Shriners organization tonight, whose members are now gathering in Boston for their 110th annual convention. Some 50,000 delegates began checking into hotel rooms today.

The Shriners are best known for providing free medical core for crippled and burned children at twenty-one specialized hospitals. They're also known for their colorful costumes and parades, and this week the Shriners will hold two parades in Boston, and they're expected to pump some $50 million into the local economy. The Shriners will be meeting at the Hynes Auditorium throughout the week.

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PAULA ZAHN:

A booming evening in Boston.

LARRY SALES:

The 3rd annual harborfest fireworks spectacular lights up the Boston sky. The sky over Boston Harbor was the stage for tonight's big event. It was a treat for eyes as well as ears, as the Bancetto Musicale Orchestra played Handel's Royal Fireworks in tune to the pyrotechnic display.

(Pyrotechnic display and music performance shown.)

And there was more Harborfest fun for your eyes and ears in Boston today, as the 3rd annual Harborwalk parade took a stroll from State Street to the waterfront. The parade, some sixty-nine marching bands strong, entertained thousands along the way. The Harborwalk originated during the first Boston Harborfest in 1982. The idea of Harborwalk is to link all of Boston's historic waterfront sites together. Harborfest will end on a happy note July 4th, with the USS Consistitution's annual turnaround cruise in the harbor.

And if that isn't enough, the Shriners are holding their national convention in Boston this year, and plan a 7-hour parade to end all parades on the 4th and 5th of July.

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SUSAN BURKE:

A new record is being set in Boston this week. The city is playing host to the largest convention ever, tens of thousands of Shriners. Last night they were given an official welcome to the Bay State by Governor Dukakis. He praised them for their charitable work, especially for the Burns Institute in Boston, and around the country.

GOV. DUKAKIS:

To see these youngsters arrived in incredibly serious condition and walk out of that Institute weeks or months later healthy again, cared for and in many cases back on their feet and having a bright future ahead of them, is just an extraordinary thing.

SUSAN BURKE:

The Shriners are expecting some 50,000 members here for the 110th Annual Convention. All this week Boston residents can expect to see parades and festivities which, by the way, are open to the public. The convention will give a boost to the city's economy. The Shriners are expected to spend about $50 million during their stay.

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TOM ELLIS:

You might have noticed a lot of men wearing red fezes around Boston the last few days. They're the Shriners, and there are thousands of them here in Boston this week for the 110th Shriners convention.

News 7's Camilla Carr is live right now at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, that's their convention headquarters. Camilla?

CAMILLA CARR:

Tom, yes, as you mentioned, the Sheraton-Boston is the convention headquarters, and there are not just thousands but 50,000 Shriners in town, making this one of the largest conventions Boston's hosted.

Now, as you might expect, there are, you know, the convention officially begins tomorrow (sic), but even so, this is shaping up to be the beginning of a very busy week for the Shriners.

No, this is not a scene from the Arabian Nights, and these elaborately dressed sheiks come from only as far away as Montreal. This was the Shriners' annual oriental band competition. This year seventeen bands battled it out, each trying to outdo the others in the eyes of the judges and the audience.

Obviously the Shriners like to have a good time, but behind all this fun and frolicking there's a serious side. That serious side is the twenty-two hospitals and burn units the Shriners operate around the country. This year's budget for those hospitals was $162 million. Of that money, $17 1/2 million went to the Shriners Burn Unit in Boston and their Orthopedic Hospital in Springfield.

VOCE OF EARL LEAKEY (Imperial, Shrine Convention Committee):

Our projects are special projects, burnt children, orthopedic children, and the special children that we care for require extra tender loving care so to speak, and the kind of ongoing care that doesn't stop with a brief internment. So the Shriners' obligation is maybe an obligation might take 10 or 15 years before they discharge it for any one patient.

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CAMILLA CARR:

And the city of Boston is also going to benefit too. It's estimated the Shriners will spend about $17 1/2 million here this week.

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DAVID WITTMAN:

The Shriners convention here now in Boston is expected to generate big money, $25-50 million, but city officials say little of that will end up in city coffers. The convention is the largest Boston lhas ever hosted, and today some Shriners paid a visit to the place that most of their money goes, the Shriners Hospital. The Burns Institute here in Boston celebrated its 16th anniversary. The hospital, one of twenty-one around the nation, the Shriners sponsor for the treatment of children with unique medical problems.

The Shriners are planning to highlight this year's convention here in Boston with two huge parades, one scheduled for the 4th of July, the other for the 5th.

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JIM BOYD:

This week Boston is playing host to one of the largest conventions in the city's history. Thousands of Shriners from the U.S., Canada and Mexico are holding their 110th annual meeting here.

NewsCenter 5's Susan Wornick is in Copley Square, where some of the action is going on tonight. Susan?

SUSAN WORNICK:

They have been planning this for the past 5 years. This is the biggest convention ever to visit Boston. Just about 50,000 Shriners from all over this country, Mexico and Canada are here for their Annual Imperial Council session now through Friday.

The Shriners' presence in Boston is fairly obvious. The distinctive red fez has become a familiar sight on every street. There are about 50,000 members of the Imperial Council here for business meetings, legislative sessions and fund raisers all week.

QUESTION:

What makes Boston special?

RICHARD OLFENE (Imperial Potentate):

Oh, I think the real, special thing in Boston is its old American history. As example, we opened our ceremonies yesterday with a church service in the Old North Church. Tonight the representatives of the Shrine of North America and their wives are going to a private concert of the Boston Pops.

SUSAN WORNICK:

One of the Shriners' main activities this week is the marketplace. It's open to the public at Hynes Auditorium. Here the Shriners raise some of the $110 million needed to run their 22 children's hospitals around the country, including Boston's own Shriners Burns Institute.

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SUSAN WORNICK (continued):

It's expected the convention will generate about $50 million dollars for the state and a congenial image for the City of Boston.

ROSMARIE SANSONE (Boston Cultural Office):

Well, we think it's important that the city can show itself in a way that we can attract more business. Mayor Flynn feels that it's important that the business community thrives. Obviously, we'd like to see some of that money generated back to the city, but we feel that it's very important and we're happy to do it, to make sure that these people know that Boston is a liveable place and that other conventions will want to take place in the city as well.

SUSAN WORNICK:

Industrious merchants in Boston have all kinds of sales and gimmicks, hoping to lure in Shriners' business. Coupon books like this one are being distributed on the streets, and no one is happier to see the 50,000 conventioneers in town than the cabbies.

BUDDY MCCABE (Boston Cabbie):

Just went over to Logan, just come back, go over to Logan, come right back. You don't sit still too long.

SUSAN WORNICK:

With the Shriners in town?

BUDDY MCCABE:

Yeah.

SUSAN WORNICK:

The Shriners are here in Boston using just about every hotel in the city as well as several hotels in outlying suburban communities, and the highlight of the week actually is going to come on Wednesday, the Fourth of July.

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SUSAN WORNICK (continued):

A big parade is being planned for 1:00 in the afternoon. It's expected to last about 6 hours. There will be about 10,000 participants, and they'll have everything from clowns to motorized cars and motorcycles. It's expected to be an awful lot of fun. The parade will be through the downtown area Wednesday afternoon, as I said at 1:00, and then it will be repeated Thursday night at 7:00.

Reporting live from Copley Square, Susan Wornick, NewsCenter 5.

JIM BOYD:

And as Susan mentioned, with the Shriners convention in town, hotel space is understandably at a premium.

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LIZ WALKER:

The spirit of tourism is alive and kicking in Boston tonight. Fifty thousand Shriners, along with thousands of other vacationers from around the world, have come to our city this for a potpourri of activities and sightseeing.

Eyewitness Newsman Jonathan LeVeen talked with some visitors tonight about what attracts them to the Hub.

JONATHAN LEVEEN:

Old neighborhoods in decline, overburdened highways, impossible parking; these are just some of the images we Bay Staters have of the place where we live.

(Commercial excerpt shown.)

But that's not the image the state is promoting in this TV commercial being shown in cities from here to Chicago. It's designed to lure tourists here, and it apparently works. More than 9 million will visit Massachusetts this year.

(Street performers at Quincy Market shown performing.)

A sure tourist stop is here, Faneuil Hall, to see street performers and shops. Here in the crowd, the Bolton family from Illinois (is) soaking up the sights and sounds of the city and shopping for souvenirs.

DAN BOLTON (Danville, Ill.):

We have so many folks back in Danville that we're buying souvenirs for that that's one of the main reasons why we came here, because we heard that there were a lot of fine places, ya know, for souvenirs and things like that.

LINDA BOLTON:

It's really nice to see hills and see streets that don't run straight, and a lot of people outside sittin.'

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JONATHAN LEVEEN:

Then there's this couple from Arizona, part of the convention of Shriners in Boston this week. So far they've only got one complaint.

CLINTON JOERDING (Phoenix, Arizona):

Well, it's a little more damp than we're used to, that's all.

JONATHAN LEVEEN:

Just the weather?

CLINTON JOERDING:

Just the weather, and you can't do much about that.

JONATHAN LEVEEN:

There are over a million tourists in Boston this week. How well the city rolls out its welcome mat to those visitors can be measured by how many of those million decide they want to come back to Boston.

From Faneuil Hall, Jonathan LeVeen, TV 4, Eyewitness News, Nightcast.

LIZ WALKER:

The State's Tourist Bureau expects the Shriners convention alone to pour $17 million into city coffers.

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MARY RICHARDSON:

Tonight the Boston Pops Orchestra held a private concert for the Shriners at Symphony Hall. It's just the latest event in a whirlwind week of activities for the 50,000 Shriners attending the largest convention ever in Boston. You've probably seen the trademark red fez throughout the city.

City officials and merchants alike must think it is a wonderful sight.

ROSEMARIE SANSONE (Boston Cultural Office):

We think it is important that the city can show itself in a way that we can attract more business. Mayor Flynn feels that it is important that the business community thrives. Obviously, we 'd like to see some of that money generated back to the city, but we feel that it's very important and we're happy to do it to make sure that these people know that Boston is a liveable place and that other conventions will want to take place in the city as well.

MARY RICHARDSON:

The Shriners are holding a number of business meetings and fundraisers to raise money for 22 hospitals, including the Shriners Burns Institute. The most spectacular event is expected to be a 6 hour parade this Wednesday with 10,000 participating Shriners.

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SUSAN BURKE:

Back here in the Boy State, the largest convention in the history of Boston continues in full swing today. You've probably seen the red fez hats all around the city. That's the trademark for some 50,000 Shriners who are in Boston all week. There are so many Shriners here that last night the Boston Pops held a private concert for them.

City officials and the business community are glad to have them here.

ROSEMARIE SANSONE (Boston Cultural Office):

Well, we think it's important that the city show itself in a way that we can attract more business. Mayor Flynn feels that it's important that the business community thrives. Obviously, we'd like to see some of that money generated back into the city, but we feel that it's very important and we're happy to do it, to make sure that these people know that Boston is a livable place, and that other conventions will want to take place in the city as well.

SUSAN BURKE:

Well, the Shriners are holding a number of fundraisers to raise money for the 22 hospitals they run, including the Shriners Burns Institute here in Boston. The highlight of the convention is a 6 hour parade tomorrow with 10,000 Shriners participating.

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RANDY PRICE:

Well, this state's tourism industry believes it pays to advertise. A new commercial being aired in cities from here to Chicago is drawing more visitors and more tourist dollars to the Hub.

(Commercial excerpt shown.)

Of course a sure stop on everyone's list is Faneuil Hall Marketplace. They come for the sights, the sounds and the souvenirs.

DAN BOLTON (Danville, Ill.):

We have so many folks back in Danville that we're buying souvenirs for that that's one of the main reasons why we come here, because we heard that there were a lot of fine places, ya know, for souvenirs and things like that.

LINDA BOLTON:

It's really nice to see hills and see streets that don't run straight and a lot of people outside sittin.'

RANDY PRICE:

And while most enjoy their stay in Boston, sometimes the New England weather can be a problem.

CLINTON JOERDING (Shriner, Phoenix, Arizona):

Well, it's a little more damp than we're used to, that's all.

JONATHAN LEVEEN:

Just the weather?

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CLINTON JOERDING:

Just the weather, and you can't do much about that.

RANDY PRICE:

Fifty thousand Shriners in town for a convention this week are expected to shell out more than $17 tourist million.

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JIM BOYD:

This week Boston is hosting its largest convention ever. Fifty thousand Shriners are here wearing 50,000 red fezzes; you can't miss them.

NewsCenter 5's Kirby Perkins reports:

KIRBY PERKINS:

As you might guess from their musical calling card, this drum and bugle corps competing out on Nickerson Field today is filled with Shriners from Dallas, Texas. What are they and thousands like them doing in Boston, anyway?

QUESTION:

How did you describe all your colleagues just a second ago?

SHRINER:

I said we're just a bunch of old men, but we have a hell of a good time.

KIRBY PERKINS:

Self-deprecating humor from a group that works hard to benefit its charity, crippled children. But what about those hats?

SHRINER #2:

On the side is the Association for Shrine Oriental Bands, Rameses is our area where we come from, Toronto, Canada, and that's to help the crippled kids.

SHRINER #3:

It's the symbol of the philanthropy we stand for, the red fez, and we walk with the red fez in support of the crippled children, and we're proud to wear it.

SHRINER'S WIFE:

I'm very proud of my husband and the others that are Shriners. That's why I'm happy to be a Shriner's wife.

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KIRBY PERKINS:

The Shriners, who help disadvantaged children, are all men. They are mostly older and mostly white. We found one black Shriner today, and he lives in Boston.

QUESTION:

How come there aren't more black Shriners?

HAROLD HECTOR (Shriner):

Well, there's something that the last, oh, I don't know how many years now, that they never did integrate. It's only in the last few years that they've allowed blacks into the white Masons and white Masons go into the black Shriners now.

KIRBY PERKINS:

The Shriners decide such internal social matters at their Imperial Council meetings, presided over by their leaders called Potentates. Their sessions are closed to the public, part of an enduring Shriner commitment to protecting their fraternal secrets.

In their drum and bugle competition, of course, there are no secrets; it is open to all.

In Boston, Kirby Perkins, NewsCenter 5.

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GARRY ARMSTRONG:

An estimated 50,000, count them, Shriners are now holding their convention in the city of Boston, and they're expected to be here and play a major part in our holiday festivities.

Boston's largest convention in history began on a somber note of remembrance. Then, with the sound of lyrics that will weave a constant thread, love of country and stewardship for those less unfortunate, they moved ahead. First, a welcome from Mayor Ray Flynn.

MAYOR FLYNN:

People have come to Boston from all over the world and from all cultural backgrounds, to live and to grow and to share. We welcome you to share with us and for you people from Los Angeles, we have the home of the world's championship Boston Celtics as well.

GARRY ARMSTRONG:

William Sporfl of Ottowa, Canada, he's one of the oldest of the tens of thousands here for the convention. He'll be 90 next month and this is his 44th Shriners convention. He has special motiviation.

WILLIAM SPARFL (Ottowa)

When I was 3 years old I got what they called spinal meningitis, which turned into polio, and for 3 years I didn't walk, and then I was one that got over it and I've been able to work all my life and when we started buildin' a hospital in Montreal for crippled children, I thought I should get into the Shrine and help.

GARRY ARMSTRONG:

You know that the Shriners are one of the oldest and most patriotic of organizations in America, but what you should understand is that they redefine many qualities that this country was built on.

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SHRINER (San Antonio, Texas):

We support twenty-two hospitals and that's the reason that I'm a Shriner.

GARRY ARMSTRONG:

Sounds to me like you're talking about old-fashioned emotions, caring about people.

SHRINER:

That's right, that's what it's all about.

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LIZ WALKER:

On this, the eve of July 4th, thousands of tourists are pouring into the Boston area for some of the most exciting Independence Day events in the country. But 50,000 vacationers are already here, celebrating the annual Shriners Festival. You may have noticed some of those fez-capped men in town, but just who are they?

As Eyewitness News reporter Bill Shields tells us, the Shriners are more than your typical carefree conventioners. They're serious philanthropists, trying to help our nation's children.

BILL SHIELDS:

There are over 900,000 of them in North America. They have mysterious titles like Imperial Potentate, Grand Master, Nobleman, and they're heavy into rituals.

But let's not forget the hat. It's called a fez. They're seldom seen without it. So who are these 50,000 Shriners who've taken over Boston this week?

SHRINER #1:

First of all it's a fraternal organization.

SHRINER #2:

You may be a doctor or you may be an electrician.

SHRINER #3:

Oh, we have fun, as you can see.

BILL SHIELDS:

Yeah, I'd say they're havin' some fun! And they're a big hit at parades.

(Shriners shown.)

But the Shriners are not all pomp and ceremony and fun and games. Quite the opposite, it is in fact one of the largest philanthropies in North America. Case in point: the

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BILL SHIELDS (cont.):

Shriners Burns Institute right here in Boston.

It is one of the foremost burns centers in the nation, funded entirely by the men in the fez hats. And this is only one of three. Add to that nineteen childrens' hospitals across the nation and you can get an idea of how much good this fraternal organization has done for children.

MAYOR FLYNN:

Your activities have raised nearly $900 million in support of these fine hospitals including the Burns Institute here in Boston and for that you should be very, very proud.

BILL SHIELDS:

And they are, so we'll ask the question again: what is a Shriner?

SHRINER #3:

A Shriner is a fella that is tryin' to help children.

SHRINER #2:

We do these things because we want to.

SHRINER #4:

Philanthropy, yes, yes, and in the process of that we have a little fun doing it.

BILL SHIELDS:

But they have a motto about the fun. It says, "No man should enjoy himself until he has brought happiness to others."

Bill Shields, TV 4, Eyewitness News.

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Date July 3, 1984
Time 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Station Channel 4 WBZ-TV
Program Eyewitness News

Account Number

LIZ WALKER:

When the Shriners are not busy helping the community they are many times entertaining us. They'll be doing just that in Boston this July 4th. They'll have a big parade. It starts at 1:00 in the afternoon and continues until 6. That's a real big parade! It starts at the Prudential Center and ends at Government Center. That parade will be repeated July 5th at 7 PM.

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Program THE NEWS AT TEN

Transcript

Account Number 4338
ALEPPO

JACK HYNES:

There will be dozens of parades around the state tomorrow, but the biggest will be right here in Boston, the Shriners parade starting at 1:00 in Copley Square, and (it) will proceed down Boylston Street and Tremont, ending up at Government Center.

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Time 5:30 - 6:00 PM
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Program Live on 4

Transcript

Account Number 4338
ALEPPO

CHRIS CONANGLA:

Well, if a parade is your idea of great holiday fun this 4th of July really fit the bill. There were many parades in the area today but by far the biggest and most spectacular was the Shriners' Parade in Boston.

(Shriners' parade shown.)

Ten thousand Shriners participated in today's parade, one of just many activities the group is sponsoring during its annual convention this week in the Hub. The 2-mile long route wound its way from Copley Square to City Hall. It was a treat of sight and sound for young and old.

(More parade shown.)

We certainly welcome all those Shriners and their friends and their families to the Hub. It's great to play host here this year.

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Program Eyewitness News

Account Number 4338
ALEPPO

DAVID WITTMAN:

Boston Police are now telling us that 1 million people lined the streets of Boston to watch another 4th of July celebration this day. The Shriners are in town, and how, for their national convention, and when Shriners throw a parade we're not talking about minutes here, we're talking about hours.

Eyewitness News reporter Shelby Scott has the report.

(Aleppo Chanters shown performing.)

SHELBY SCOTT:

And in downtown Boston today the gang was out, as thousands lined the 2-mile long parade route for perhaps the city's biggest parade ever. Led by Boston's Aleppo Shrine Temple, the parade moved the 2 miles from Copley Square to City Hall. About 10,000 Shriners marched and rode to the delight of the young and the young at heart.

I asked some of the spectators what they liked best.

SPECTATOR #1:

I like the clowns. They're funny.

(Clowning around shown.)

SPECTATOR #2:

I like the music.

(Musicians shown.)

SPECTATOR #3:

The little cars they're drivin' around, they're realy cute.

(Cute cars shown.)

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SPECTATOR #4:

Those little go-kart guys and the sheiks, the guys playin' the little sheik-like things.

(Band shown.)

SHELBY SCOTT:

What do you like best?

SPECTATOR #5:

The dump trucks!

(Super Duper Pooper Scooper (Li'l Herbie) shown.)

SPECTATOR #6:

Cars and the clowns.

(Cars and clowns continue.)

SPECTATOR #7:

Now, what would I like best? Every bit of it.

SHRINER:

I think the real pleasure is sitting down.

SHELBY SCOTT:

As you can tell, a good time was had by all.

Shelby Scott, TV 4, Eyewitness News.

DAVID WITTMAN:

Ya know, if only those guys could kinda lighten up and have a good time when they get together things would be just fine. They're gonna do it all again tomorrow night. This time it should be even more spectacular for the Shriners' parade. Many of those costumes and many of the floats and other entries are equipped with lights and ya really don't get the full effect of course until you get into darkness.

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DAVID WITTMAN (continued):

So the parade will start at Copley Square, continue down to Boylston, over to Tremont, and finish at Government Center. They're gonna start it at 7:00 and if they go 5 hours you know we'll be into some heavy-duty darkness by the time they get through it.

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Program Eyewitness News--The First Edition

Transcript

Account Number 4338
ALEPPO

LINDA HARRIS:

Well, in case you haven't noticed, all those people with little red hats walking around the city, the Shriners, are in town for their annual convention. But those fez-topped men are not just your average sightseers.

As Eyewtiness Newsman Bill Shields reports, they are serious philanthropists trying to help the nation's children, and of course here you see them.

BILL SHIELDS:

There are over 900,000 of them in North America. They have mysterious titles like Imperial Potentate, Grand Master, Nobleman, and they're heavy into rituals.

But let's not forget the hat. It's called a fez. They're seldom seen without it. So who are these 50,000 Shriners who've taken over Boston this week?

SHRINER #1:

First of all it's a fraternal organization.

SHRINER #2:

You may be a doctor or you may be an electrician.

SHRINER #3:

Oh, we have fun, as you can see.

BILL SHIELDS:

Yeah, I'd say they're havin' some fun! And they're a big hit at parades.

(Shriners shown.)

But the Shriners are not all pomp and ceremony and fun and games. Quite the opposite, it is in fact one of the largest philanthropies in North America. Case in point: The Shriners Burns Institute right here in Boston.

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BILL SHIELDS (cont.):

It is one of the foremost burns centers in the nation, funded entirely by the men in the fez hats. And this is only one of three. Add to that nineteen childrens' hospitals across the nation, and you can get an idea of how much good this fraternal organization has done for children.

MAYOR FLYNN:

Your activities have raised nearly $900 million in support of these fine hospitals including the Burns Institute here in Boston and for that you should be very, very proud.

BILL SHIELDS:

And they are, so we'll ask the question again: What is a Shriner?

SHRINER #3:

A Shriner is a fella that is tryin' to help children.

SHRINER #2:

We do these things because we want to.

SHRINER #4:

Philanthropy, yes, yes, and in the process of that we have a little fun doing it.

BILL SHIELDS:

But they have a motto about the fun. It says, "No man should enjoy himself until he has brought happiness to others."

Bill Shields, TV 4, Eyewitness News.

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LINDA HARRIS:

And of course the Shriners do step out once in a while for a little bit of fun, like today's parade. It'll run from 1:00 until 6 starting at the Pru and it ends up at Government Center and that event will be repeated tomorrow night at 7.

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Station Channel 5 WCVB TV
Program NewsCenter 5

Transcript

Account Number 4338
ALE080

JIM BOYD:

And as we mentioned earlier, one thing that certainly sets this Fourth of July apart from the rest was the Shriners Day parade, believed to be one of the longest and largest such parade in the city's history. Police estimate that more than a million people turned out for the event.

NewsCenter 5's Janet Wu has more.

JANET WU:

There are parades and then there are parades! It was 1 1/2 miles from the Prudential Center to City Hall, 8500 marchers, 150 marching bands and 6 hours of pure entertainment.

(Shriners seen marching and bands are playing. Conversation is heard between reporters, observers and marching Shriners in costume.)

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Date July 4, 1984
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Station Channel 7 WNEV-TV
Program NEWSE7EN

Transcript

Account Number 4358
ALEPPO

HOWIE CARR:

The biggest parade in Boston today was that of the Shriners, who, as you must know by now, are having their national covention here this week.

Some of the Shriners were just wearing their traditional red fezes, while others were in full regalia, accompanied by replicas of the traditional desert accessories. As usual at a Shriners parade, there were plenty of clowns, and for the 4th, Uncle Sam was standing as tall as the Hancock Building. Evey mode of transportation was used. There was even a model of the Shriners Burn Institute, one of twenty-two operated by the Shriners.

This afternoon none of them seemed to get tired, even though a few were packing more than one spare tire.

Now if you haven't gotten enough of this Shriners parade tonight, remember, there will be another one tomorrow night, starting off at 7 PM. That'll start in the North End.

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Account Number 4338
ALEPPO

JULIE EMRY:

In addition to the sounds at the Esplanade, police say a million spectators turned out to see the Shriners parade downtown Boston this afternoon. It was just another event for the 50,000 members meeting here this week for their 110th International Convention and boy, was this an event! Here are some of the highlights:

(Marching Shriners Bands, onlookers, Mayor Flynn marching, all seen and heard here.)

ONLOOKER:

It's fabulous! John Philip Sousa, marching, good people, great day, this is it!

CHILD ONLOOKER:

It's nice. I didn't know it was going to be 5 hours. They say it's the biggest parade since World War II.

JULIE EMRY:

Where did you come from?

ONLOOKER #2:

Providence, Rhode Island.

JULIE EMRY:

All that way? Do you think it's worth it?

ONLOOKER #2:

Oh, you better believe it! Any day of the week! We have our husbands out there marching for Palestine, yup. Never miss one if we can help it!

JULIE EMRY:

You've seen a lot of these parades. What do you think of this one?

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SHRINER:

Wonderful. You'll never see another one like this.

JULIE EMRY:

Everybody loves a parade. If you missed the parade today, the Shriners will do it again tomorrow night starting at 7:00 at the Prudential Center.

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DIANE WILLIS:

In Boston the biggest parade of all was the Shriners; 50,000 of them have taken over the city this week. They're holding their national convention here. Many of the conventioneers joined in the parade, some of them just wearing their traditional trademark, the red fez, others in full costume, and then some. But not all of them traveled the parade route by foot. Even those who did resort to hoofing it didn't seem to mind the heat.

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Transcript

Account Number 4338

ALEPPO

JIM BOYD:

It is not destined to become a Boston tradition like the fireworks on the Esplanade, but the parade the Shriners put on today is definitely bound to make it into the city's record books. For a full 6 hours, 8500 Shriners in every outfit imaginable paraded through the streets of Boston. Some took their roles more seriously than others.

(Shriners seen marching to their respective bands and speaking to reporters.)

There were some amazing acts, but the most amazing thing of all was that the Shriners are going to repeat this whole spectacle tomorrow night.

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LIZ WALKER:

One of the biggest parades ever in Boston: tens of thousands of Shriners marched through the streets, part of the annual convention. The parade will be repeated tomorrow night.

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Station Channel 2 WGBH TV
Program TEN O'CLOCK NEWS

Transcript

Account Number 4338
ALEPPO

CHRIS LYDON:

This week, Boston is host to a national convention of the Shriners, the fraternal group that has made a specialty of free hospital care for crippled and burned children. The Shriners are an offshoot of the secret brotherhood of Masons.

As Christy George found out, 50,000 Shriners can keep a secret.

CHRISTY GEORGE:

In case you hadn't noticed, there are 50,000 men wearing red hats and tassles in Boston this week, but for a group that's been so much on display this week, the Shriners have somehow managed to remain mysterious.

QUESTION: I'm trying to find out some secrets of the Shriners. Can you tell me one?

SHRINER:

I don't even know what secrets we have. We are Masons who have some secrets.

SHRINER #2:

Hah, you put me on a spot, don't you?

SHRINER #3:

Don't have any secrets. There are no secrets in Masonry.

CHRISTY GEORGE:

Give me a small secret. Give me a small Shriner's secret.

SHRINER #4:

Well, there isn't really any small Shriner secrets. Down below maybe the Masons have secrets, but...

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SHRINER #5:

Well, there are so many little things that people call secrets, but there are very few secrets in Masonry or in Shrinerdom. But what I do know I wouldn't tell you!

CHRISTY GEORGE:

What is a potentate?

SHRINER #6:

A potentate is the top man of his temple, same as the President of the United States is its top man.

CHRISTY GEORGE:

What is an assistant Raban?

SHRINER #7:

Well, he's the third man down from the potentate, working his way up the ladder to get to be the potentate some day if all goes well, we hope.

SHRINER #8:

The fez, a lot of people think we look like Arabs and Arabia, but actually it's the ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and if you take all those letters, it just spells out a Mason.

SHRINER #9:

The secret of the Shriners? The philanthropy of the Shrine is for the crippled children's hospitals. That's not really a secret, but that's what we do all this for so that crippled children can walk.

CHRISTY GEORGE:

I'm Christy George for The Ten O'Clock News.

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ALEPPO

JIM BOYD:

The Shriners are sure having a good time at their convention here in Boston this week, and they're providing good times for hundreds of thousands of people.

Tonight the Shriners held their second huge parade, and NewsCenter 5's Kathleen DeLaski is now along the empty parade route with a live report.

KATHLEEN DELASKI:

Maybe the Shriners were singing Don't Rain On My Parade, but near the end somebody must have stopped listening. As you can see, the parade has ended. It was supposed to last 6 hours, just like yesterday, but it was cut short about half an hour ago. It ended partly because of the rain, and partly because some of the Shriners had to leave a day earlier to return to their home towns. But we were here for the duration of the parade, and here are some highlights.

The parade began at 7:00 PM at Hynes Auditorium. Seventy-five hundred Shriners marched in their bright red fezes to draw attention to the group's philanthropic cause, burned and crippled children at Shriners' hospitals. Paraders drew attention to themselves, though, with some rather unusual pageantry.

(Marchers and pageantry scenes seen and heard here.)

There were fewer spectators at tonight's march than at yesterday's Fourth of July parade, 700,000 as compared to more than 1 million yesterday. Tonight's weather was threatening, but the show had to go on. Apparently ancient Shriner tradition calls for 2 parades during a convention week.

SHRINER:

This parade is for the incoming potentate. The parade yesterday was for the outgoing imperial potentate.

KATHLEEN DELASKI:

Why do you do two, though?

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SHRINER:

The man that goes out had his parade yesterday; the man coming in has his parade tonight.

KATHLEEN DELASKI:

Although this is day 5 in the busy convention schedule, Shriners still had enough energy to march the 2 miles to City Hall Plaza.

While most of tonight was all smiles, there was one tragic incident. There was a man in the bagpipe corps that was marching on Tremont Street. He suffered a heart attack. He is now at Mass. General Hospital in serious condition.

There is one more day in the convention week for the Shriners, and tomorrow will be closing ceremonies. Let's hope the weather clears up for them.

Reporting live from downtown Boston, Kathleen Delaski, NewsCenter 5.

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DIANE WILLIS:

When it comes from a member of the Shriners the phrase "I love a parade" takes on special meaning, and judging from tonight's parade the Shriners really do love to go all out and put on a show for the people of whatever city they gather in each year. This is the second Shriners parade in as many nights here in Boston. It is their way of saying thank you and goodbye to the host city. Tomorrow the 50,000 or so Shriners will close their week-long convention and head for home.

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JULY 1ST (Sunday)
- Registration
- Church Service
  (Old North Church)

JULY 2ND (Monday)
- Registration
- R. O. J. Annual Session
- Imperial Potentate's Boston Pops
  Concert and Reception

JULY 3RD (Tuesday)
- Public Opening -
  110th Imperial Council Session
- Official Opening -
  110th Imperial Council Session
- Unit Competitions
- R. O. J. Banquet

JULY 4TH (Wednesday)
- Imperial Potentate Elect's Pageant
- Business Session Reconvenes
- Afternoon Parade (2 PM)
  (Open evening to enjoy Boston)
- Recorders' Banquet

JULY 5TH (Thursday)
- Business Session Reconvenes
- Representatives Ladies' Lunch
- Night Parade (7 PM)

JULY 6th (Friday)
- Business Session Reconvenes
- Close of Session

Tuesday **UNITS COMPETITIONS** July 3rd

ARAB PATROLS
8:00 AM. . . . . Boston University
Nickerson Field, Commonwealth Avenue

BIG BANDS
8:00 AM. . . . . Prudential Center
Hynes Auditorium, Boylston Street

MOTOR PATROLS
8:00 AM. . . . . Bedford
Hanscom Field, Rt. 4 & 225, off Rt. 128

HORSE PATROLS
9:00 AM. . . . . Wilmington
Aleppo Temple Grounds, off Rt. 93 (North)

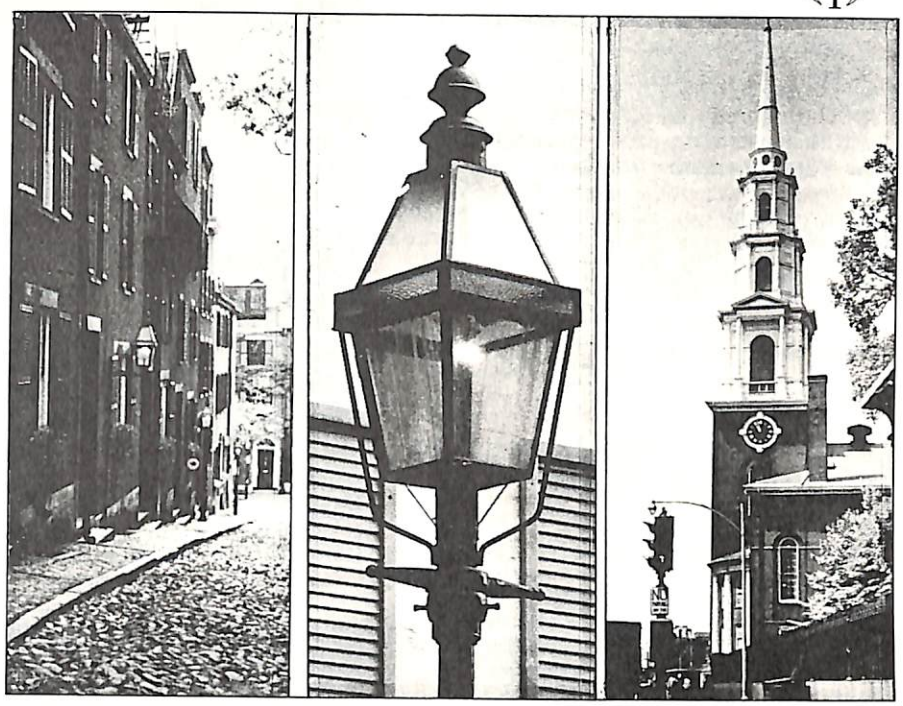
CLOWNS
10:00 AM. . . . . Wilmington
Aleppo Temple Mosque, off Rt. 93 (North)

CHANTERS
10:00 AM. . . . . Grand Lodge
Masonic Temple, Tremont & Boylston Streets

BAG PIPES
11:00 AM. . . . . Boston
Possible Boston Plaza (to be announced)

DRUMS CORPS
1:00 PM. . . . . Boston University
Nickerson Field, Commonwealth Avenue

ORIENTAL BANDS
1:00 PM. . . . . John Hancock
Dorothy Quincy Suite



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Boston was founded in 1630, ten years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, 39 miles to the south. The colonial seaport was a thriving center of shipping, shipbuilding and fishing. With prosperity there grew a spirit of independence that turned to defiance of hated British taxation. In 1770 British soldiers fired on an unruly street mob. This was called "the Boston Massacre". Three years later colonists (said to be from St. John's Lodge, the first Masonic Lodge in the Western Hemisphere) dressed as Indians and raided the "Beaver", a ship filled with chests of tea, which were dumped into Boston Harbor. This was the Boston Tea Party.

On April 19, 1775, the Minute Men of Lexington and Concord almost annihilated the British Red-

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A vivid and comprehensive introduction to Boston Proper and the adjoining communities of Charlestown and Cambridge that gives the visitor an opportunity to see virtually every important landmark in the historic heart of one of the great cities of the world. Carefully prepared to illustrate the range of the city's history, from 1630 to the present, this tour stops at two distinguished landmarks — the U.S.S. Constitution and the Boston Tea Party Ship & Museum. *(Price includes Tea Party admission.)*

June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 5
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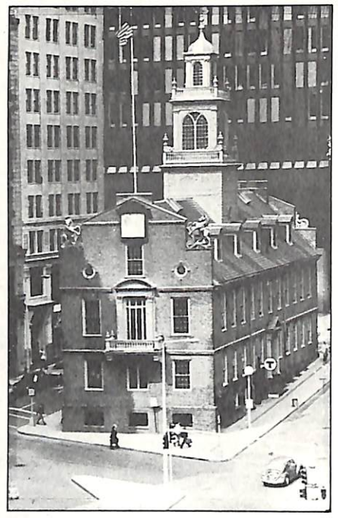

TOUR 2 (3 HOURS)

The Battle Road — $10.00

Cambridge, Lexington and Concord

This tour strikes out thru Harvard Square and then along the quieter roads of Boston's western suburbs, to the charming and historic towns of Lexington and Concord; view Walden Pond and the homes of Emerson, Alcott and Hawthorne. The tour stops to allow ample time for an inspection of the storied battlegrounds at both Concord and Lexington.

June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1:30 p.m.

TOUR 3 (7 HOURS)

The Grand Combination -- $33.00

Boston, Cambridge, Lexington, Concord, Sudbury

The Greater Boston and Battle Road Tours are combined to offer both the city proper and its historic and scenic suburbs. This combination tour also includes Longfellow's Wayside Inn, the Old Grist Mill and a visit to the Wayside Country Store. *(Price includes Tea Party admission, lunch, tax and tip.)*

June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 5 9:00 a.m.

TOUR 4 (4 HOURS)

Plymouth Pilgrimage — $15.50

Quincy and Plymouth

Recapture the moments of the birth of America as you visit historic Plymouth, with its various museums, Mayflower II and, of course, the celebrated rock. Along Boston's South Shore, you will view the cranberry bogs and granite quarries of pre-industrial New England. Ample time is offered in Plymouth. *(Price includes Mayflower II admission.)*

June 30, July 3, 5 12:45 p.m.

Dear Noble:

Welcome to the 110th Imperial Council Session here in Boston, Massachusetts, July 1 - 6. We hope you will enjoy the many points of interest in this land of history.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,
RICHARD F. NORRIS
Potentate

TOUR 5 (8½ HOURS)

Cape Cod Bay and Villages — $35.00

Hyannisport

The tour proceeds directly across the Cape Cod Canal. Have lunch at a typical Cod Cod Inn then follow the dunes of Cape Cod's bayshore to Hyannisport and view Kennedy Compound. Tour through the pleasant little towns that reflect the charm of old Cape Cod and return to Boston. *(Price includes harbor cruise, lunch, tax and tip.)*

July 1, 2, 4 9:00 a.m.

TOUR 6 (4 HOURS)

Marblehead/Salem — $15.50

Reliving the infamous witchcraft at the Salem Witch Museum or viewing the renowned House of the Seven Gables. Explore the wharf area housing the Custom House where Hawthorne once worked. View the federal architecture of Washington Square and Chestnut Hill on a tour through Boston's North Shore to Salem. *(Price includes Witch Museum admission.)*

July 1, 2, 4 12:45 p.m.

Tours will depart from the Sheraton Boston Hotel and other convenient locations.

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area code 617 - 787-0600
ask for 1984 Shrine Tour Desk

TOUR 7 (9 HOURS)

Martha's Vineyard — $42.00

A Cape Cod Island

An unusual combination of motorcoach and steamer, this tour is an all-day outing that follows Boston's South Shore to the Cape and the charming and still largely unspoiled island of Martha's Vineyard. At Woods Hole, the tour ferries across Nantucket Sound to the island, in time for lunch and browsing before reboarding your coach to thoroughly tour the island including Edgartown, Gay Head Cliffs, and Oak Bluffs. *(Price includes ferry, lunch, tax and tip.)*

June 30, July 3, 5 8:15 p.m.

TOUR 8 (5½ HOURS)

Gloucester/Rockport — $22.00

We begin this evening's adventure traveling along the Massachusetts coast to the oceanside artist's colony of Rockport. Stroll Bearskin Neck and browse among the clutter of shops and art galleries. Then at twilight, enjoy a traditional New England seafood dinner at a Gloucester restaurant. *(Price includes dinner, tax and tip.)*

June 30, July 1, 3 4:00 p.m.

IMPERIAL PARADES
Wed. — July 4th 2:00 p.m.
Thurs. — July 5th 7:00 p.m.

TOUR 9 (8 HOURS)

New England Seacoast — $32.00

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine

A day-long motorcoach journey along the New England coast that incorporates three states — Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, where there is a luncheon stop. This tour is perhaps most memorable for the opportunities it allows during a brief visit to Boston to see parts of three New England states and, more especially, the rocky coastline of Maine, in only one day-long outing. *(Price includes lunch, tax and tip.)*

July 1,2 9:00 a.m.

TOUR 10 (9 HOURS)

Newport, Rhode Island — $35.00

Known for America's Cup, millionaires' mansions and the famed ten-mile drive. Visit spectacular "cottages", the Vanderbilt's Breakers and the elegant Rosecliff. Shop the newly renovated Blake Marketplace and lunch in this impressive harborside community. A full-day tour to make you feel like a million. *(Price includes admissions into two mansions, lunch, tax and tip.)*

June 30, July 1 9:00 a.m.

POST CONVENTION TOURS

TOUR 11

New England Journey: 3 days and 2 nights

— $235.00 per person double occupancy
— $262.00 per person single occupancy

Crisp mountain air, brilliant scenery — travel west to Sturbridge Village and the Berkshires. Continue north to the Green Mountains of Vermont and the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The return trip south to Boston travels the coast of Maine, highlighting the seaside art colonies of Kennebunkport and Ogunquit. *(Price includes transportation, accommodation, two breakfasts, two dinners, all fares & admissions, taxes and tips pertaining to the itinerary, porterage of one suitcase per person and the services of a qualified guide.)*

Friday, July 6 — Sunday, July 8
Saturday, July 7 — Monday, July 9

TOUR 12

Cape Cod Deluxe: 3 days and 2 nights

— $235.00 per person double occupancy
— $262.00 per person single occupancy

Across Cape Cod Canal lie fortresses of dunes of white sand — weathered, shingled houses in quaint Cape Cod towns. In the town of Sandwich, view the Dexter Grist Mill and a Christopher Wren style church. Following lunch at a cozy Cape Cod restaurant, it's on to Hyannisport to cruise the harbor, passing the Kennedy Compound; pause as a memorial to our former President, and return to Boston. *(Price includes transportation, accommodation, two breakfasts, two dinners, all fares & admissions, taxes and tips pertaining to the itinerary, porterage of one suitcase per person and the services of a qualified guide.)*

Friday, July 6 — Sunday, July 8
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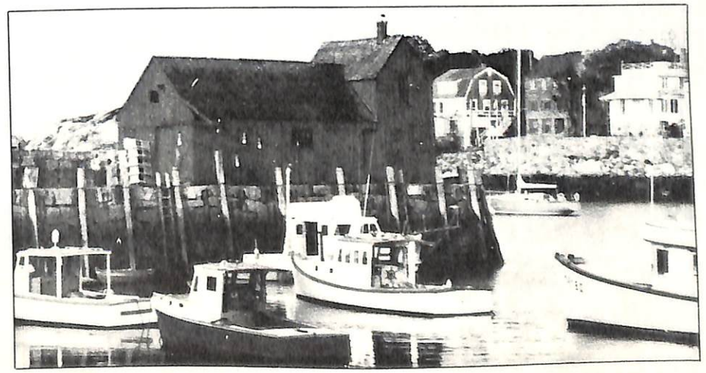

Boston History

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coats. Paul Revere (later to become the Grand Master of Masons), Samuel Adams, John Hancock and Joseph Warren were American patriots with deep roots in Masonry and helped mold the new republic.

Boston's Adams family gave the young country two presidents. The city grew into a great commercial center as well as developing the country's intellectual capitol. Boston architects designed some of the finest buildings in the land which are standing proudly to this day. Wherever you turn, the old is blended with the new, making the city truly representative of the past, present and future of this great country.

Today Boston is probably more creative than it has ever been. Its medical centers are world famous. The Shriners Burns Institute is affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital and the Harvard Medical School. Its money-managers handle billions of dollars around the world. High technology draws on scientific research at Harvard, M.I.T. and other institutions.

There is the magnificent new John F. Kennedy Library. Quincy Market draws more visitors daily than Disney World in Florida.

Boston, where the telephone was invented and where public schools first opened, continues to give the world new ideas — the concept of the industrial park, the first computer, instant photography.

Boston, they say, is where it all began. It is also the place to begin exploring Cape Cod, the White Mountains, the Maine coast. It is truly the Gateway to New England.

Entertainment

Aleppo Activities, They're Free!!

ALEPPO, one of Shrinedom's oldest Temples, invites all the Nobles and Ladies attending the 1984 Imperial Session to the beautiful Shrine Mosque in Wilmington, Massachusetts (15 minutes from downtown Boston). We are proud to host the following fun-filled events guaranteed to help make your trip to Boston a memorable one.

Sunday, July 1st — 8:00 pm.

BIG BAND WELCOME

"'Welcome to Boston' Night" — 8:00 pm to midnight. For your dancing pleasure the big band sound of the "Aleppo Swing Band" will be featured. Cash bar available. Admission FREE.

Monday, July 2nd — 8:00 pm.

COUNTRY and WESTERN

"Country and Western Night" — 8:00 pm to midnight. Come on down! Clap your hands and stomp your feet to some good ol' country tunes. 'Shine and vittles available at reasonable prices. Admission FREE.

Tuesday, July 3rd — 10:00 am.

CLOWNARAMA and MOUNTED HORSE PATROL COMPETITION

Clowns! Clowns! and more Clowns! The International Shrine Clowns Association annual competition of finding out who are the best in this zany, crazy clown world. Events are indoors in the spacious Aleppo 4000 seat auditorium. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

And out on the grounds of the Mosque enjoy the spectacular competition of Shrinedom's finest mounted horse patrols. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Food and beverages will be sold continuously during these competition events. Admission FREE.

Tuesday, July 3rd — 8:00 pm.

GERMAN BEERFEST

Oompah! pah! and polka around our Mosque to the sounds of Aleppo's famous "Polka Dots". 8:00 pm to midnight. Cash bar. Admission FREE.

TOUR 13

"Shear Madness"
Evening Theatre Tour — $21.00*
***Saturday performance - $24.00**

Charles Playhouse Stage II

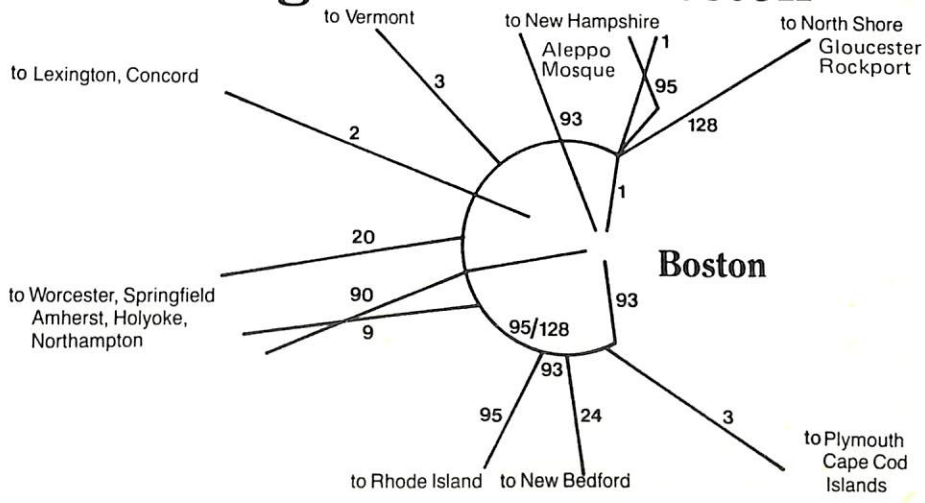
Don't miss the comedy suspense that has captivated Boston theatre-goers for the 3rd straight year. "Shear Madness" is the winner of the Boston Globe's readers' poll for best comedy.

(Price includes transportation and theatre ticket.)

June 30 — 8:30 pm show*
July 1 — 6:30 pm show
July 3, 4, 5 — 7:00 pm show

All tours are in conjunction with GREY LINE.

Getting In & Out of Boston



Boston and South Shore suburbs — Rt. 93 (Central Artery/Southeast Expressway) heads North out of Boston on elevated highway structures which split into Rt. 93 and Rt. 1. **ROUTE 93** is the direct highway that leads to Exit 13, Concord Street (for Aleppo Temple).

From the Western suburbs — Rt. 128 North until it crosses Rt. 93; continue North on Rt. 93 to Exit 13, Concord Street (for Aleppo Temple).

From the North — Rt. 495 until it crosses Rt. 93; continue South on Rt. 93 to Exit 13.

OFFICIAL TOUR ORDER FORM

Mail this form with full payment to GARBER TRAVEL, P. O. Box 404, Brookline, MA 02146. Telephone (617) 787-0600, ask for 1984 Shrine Tour Desk. If your order is received before June 8, 1984, tickets will be mailed to the address below. Orders received after June 8th will be held in your name at the Garber Travel Office, Prudential Center (adjacent to the Sheraton Boston Hotel).

		Number of Tickets		Total Price
TOUR 1:	**THE GREATER BOSTON TOUR . . . . . $12.25** ☐ June 30 ☐ July 2 (check one) ☐ July 1 ☐ July 3 ☐ July 5 (check one) ☐9:00 am ☐10:00 am ☐11:00 am ☐1:00 pm ☐2:00 pm	.....	x $12.25 =	.....
TOUR 2:	**THE BATTLE ROAD . . . . . $10.00** ☐ June 30 ☐ July 2 ☐ July 4 (check one ☐ July 1 ☐ July 3 ☐ July 5	.....	x $10.00 =	.....
TOUR 3:	**THE GRAND COMBINATION . . . . . $33.00** ☐ June 30 ☐ July 2 (check one) ☐ July 1 ☐ July 3 ☐ July 5	.....	x $33.00 =	.....
TOUR 4:	**PLYMOUTH PILGRIMAGE . . . . . $15.50** (check one) ☐ June 30 ☐ July 3 ☐ July 5	.....	x $15.50 =	.....
TOUR 5:	**CAPE COD BAY & VILLAGES . . . . . $35.00** (check one) ☐ July 1 ☐ July 2 ☐ July 4	.....	x $35.00 =	.....
TOUR 6:	**MARBLEHEAD/SALEM . . . . . $15.50** (check one) ☐ July 1 ☐ July 2 ☐ July 4	.....	x $15.50 =	.....
TOUR 7:	**MARTHA'S VINEYARD . . . . . $42.00** (check one) ☐ June 30 ☐ July 3 ☐ July 5	.....	x $42.00 =	.....
TOUR 8:	**GLOUCESTER/ROCKPORT . . . . . $22.00** (check one) ☐ June 30 ☐ July 1 ☐ July 3	.....	x $22.00 =	.....
TOUR 9:	**NEW ENGLAND SEACOAST . . . . . $32.00** (check one) ☐ July 1 ☐ July 2	.....	x $32.00 =	.....
TOUR 10:	**NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND . . . . . $35.00** (check one) ☐ June 30 ☐ July 1	.....	x $35.00 =	.....
TOUR 11:	**NEW ENGLAND JOURNEY . . . . . $235.00 per person double ($262.00 single)** **Please check here ☐ for single option. $50.00 deposit required per reservation.** (check one) ☐ Fri., July 6 – Sun., July 8 ☐ Sat., July 7 – Mon., July 9	.....	x $50.00 = (deposit per person)	.....
TOUR 12:	**CAPE COD DELUXE TOUR . . . . . $235.00 per person double ($262.00 single)** **Please check here ☐ for single option. $50.00 deposit required per reservation.** (check one) ☐ Fri., July 6 – Sun., July 8 ☐ Sat., July 7 – Mon., July 9	.....	x $50.00 = (deposit per person)	.....
TOUR 13:	**"SHEAR MADNESS" Evening Theatre Tour . . . . . $21.00** **(*Saturday performance . . . . . $24.00)** (check one) ☐ June 30 – 8:30 pm show* ☐ July 4 – 7:00 pm show ☐ July 1 – 6:30 pm show ☐ July 5 – 7:00 pm show ☐ July 3 – 7:00 pm show (*Sat. performance)	.....	x $21.00 = x $24.00 =	....

TOTAL $ .....

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Brookline, MA 02146

Enclosed is my check (payable to Garber Travel) **in the amount of $** _____ **representing my payment for the tours checked above.**

I am a member of _____ **Temple. I will be staying at** _____ **Hotel.**

Please send my tour acknowledgment to:

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

When Shriners march into Boston, tourist dollars will be close behind

By Bruce A. Mohl
Globe Staff

Boston takes its first crack at big-time convention business this summer as 30,000 to 50,000 Shriners march into town over the July 4th weekend for the largest convention in the city's history.

The convention will be a bonanza for area hotels, restaurants retailers and theaters, but it will be a logistic nightmare for city officials who must deal with two six-hour Shriner parades in the midst of a busy July 4th weekend.

"It's important for us to do a good job in satisfying the Shriners," said Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, acknowledging that the Shriners represent the type of convention Boston will be going after regularly once the Hynes Auditorium is expanded in 1987. These conventions are expected to help fill the 5000 new hotel rooms in the city.

Big conventions pack a powerful economic wallop. The Shriner convention, for example, will attract between 30,000 and 50,000 people, who will occupy from 9000 to 13,000 hotel rooms as far north as Danvers and as far west as Framingham. Until now, Boston's largest convention was the American Legion convention in 1980, which attracted 15,000 people.

Boston tourism officials are conservatively estimating that the Shriner convention will attract 30,000 conventioneers, who will spend more than $17.5 million during their five-day stay. State officials estimate this $17.5 million will have a ripple effect on the city's economy, spawning an additional $30 million in economic activity.

Shriner officials make even higher estimates of their economic impact. They say 50,000 conventioneers will come to Boston and spend, on average, $1000

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The Shriners mean business

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during their stay. The total outlay will be $50 million, the Shriners say.

City officials met yesterday with several top Shriner officials, including Richard B. Olfene, the imperial potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He wore a huge medal on his chest and a red hat with five gold stars, signifying his position as the nation's top Shriner.

Olfene, a graduate of Bentley College and a resident of Lewiston, Maine, takes credit for bringing the national Shriner convention to Boston. He was inducted into the Shriners' Imperial Council 10 years ago and set his sights on a Boston or Montreal convention for his year as the imperial potentate. He decided on Boston six years ago, he said.

Shriner and city officials yesterday began ironing out the logistical problems of such a huge convention. Parking, review stands, campers on city streets and where to keep horses were all items on the agenda. Police officials worried that one of the Shriners' parades might bump into the 400,000 people who normally attend the July 4th concert on the Esplanade. The parade was moved up a half-hour.

Rosemarie Sansone, director of the mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Development, said she could not estimate yet the cost to the city of playing host to the Shriner convention. Flynn pointed out that such activites benefit the city and the state, but the majority of the costs are borne by the city. He said he feels the state should share some of the city's costs.

City officials do not seem overly concerned about their ability to handle the convention. One city official leaned over to a police department official during a Shriner discourse on parking and quipped: "We don't want any of those cars stolen now."

The policeman retorted: "I hope they have Chapman locks."

Another city official warned about a shortage of portable toilets. "You better put your order in right away," he told Shriner officials.

As the Shriners prepared to move into the mayor's office for a picture-taking session, out came the fez boxes and on went the fezzes.

"By the way," said Imperial Potentate Olfene, "if you haven't seen one of these [pointing to his red fez], in July you're going to see a lot of them."

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Mar. 14 1984

Shriners to spend millions in Hub

By GEOFFREY ROWAN

THE ANCIENT Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, those fun-loving guys in the red hats, are coming this summer to Boston where they will spend as much as $50 million in five days, according to one estimate.

The Shriners, as they are commonly known, had representatives in Boston yesterday meeting with Mayor Ray Flynn and his business and cultural affairs director, Rosemarie Sansone, to hammer out the logistics for their July 2-5 convention.

And there are plenty of logistics that need hammering. The Greater Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau said there will be 25,000 to 30,000 people in the city for the convention. The Shriners say there will be 40,000 to 50,000.

They are planning two six-hour parades through the city, one on July 4th which is the same day that 200,000 to 300,000 people are expected to attend a special Boston Pops concert on the Esplanade.

But the economic benefits to Boston businesses are staggering.

The Shriners, a 112-year-old organization noted for the hospitals they have built throughout North America for crippled children and burn victims, and the distinctive red fez they wear, will occupy 9,000 hotel rooms and spend an average of $140 a day for total direct spending of $17.5 million and an additional $12.2 million in ripple effect spending, according to the Convention Bureau.

The Shriners' spending estimate wasn't so conservative. They said they will spend as much as $50 million.

All booked for July 4th

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Weary travelers may have a tough time finding a hotel room in Waltham during the 4th of July weekend.

All of the hotel rooms here are already booked by the Shriners, who are holding their convention in Boston, according to the mayor.

School Committee members agreed last week a picture is worth a thousand words — and when it comes to painting a picture of the effect of future budget cuts, committeemen won't spare any ink.

A letter to parents outlining the cuts that may be made under a level-funded School Department budget next year will have an illustration at the top.

The penned drawing will depict the "SS Waltham Schools" — sinking into the ocean.

"Just before we self-destruct," said Vice Chairman Dr. Albert F. Perna, "we want to have something to say with a dying gasp."

In a recent survey of suburban police wages, Waltham cops came out as the 10th highest paid officers in the state, with a starting salary of $18,808.

The highest paid police in the state, according to the regional magazine's statistics, are in Quincy, which pays its officers a starting wage of $20,504.

When Brandeis University goes looking for prime students, it doesn't mess around.

Next week's "Springthing" will see accepted applicants for 1984-85 coming by bus, train and plane. The school has arranged for buses to pick up students and their parents in Philadelphia, northern New Jersey and New York and deliver them to the gates of the university.

In addition, reduced-rate airfares have been made available on flights from Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami.

Between 400 and 500 students and parents are expected next week, and they will sit in on classes, be treated to luncheons and concerts and meet the faculty.

Middlesex News = April 8, 1984

Junketing around the Junction

By Barry Higgins

The season for the cribbage players at the Concord Rod & Gun club ended recently with the annual breaking up banquet held at the club. Making a strong drive the last night of the regular season, Jim Powers came up to tie Warren Payne and they had a head-on match that night.

Leading most of the way, Jim finally lost in a strong stretch run by Warren, who claimed the title for the third time in his career. Richard Tombeno, who did an outstanding job running the affair this year, and also was a strong contender for many weeks, presented Giant with his first prize, a brand-new club jacket to wear. Jim Powers received the runner-up prize, and Roy Anderson was given a special award for having the most 19's, 30 for the year. Since that time, we are sorry to report that Jim Powers, club president for many years, is currently recuperating at the Emerson, from a most recent operation.

Travelling downtown the other day, it was nice to talk with Bill Coye of Woodland Road, one of the first graduates of St. Mary's High in Waltham some years ago, and formerly a most dedicated bowler in the Holy Name Bowling league.

One of the newer businesses having recently opened in the Junction these days is the Country Bride 'n Boutique, upstairs over the West Concord Shoe Store, Joe Hays, on Commonwealth Avenue. They are open from Tuesday through Saturdays, for those who are interested. Another local business spot that is very busy these days is H & R Block, further on down the street, as folks hustle in there to get their income taxes in the mail by the 17th of the month. Along with that, I love the clever ad put out by the Bank of Boston, which shows that world-famed picture of Uncle Sam, and it says underneath it, Get an IRA by April 17th, or say Uncle.

Congratulations are once more in order to Ted Arcidi of Concord, who recently set a world record at the Pan-Am International Powerlifting Classic when he bench-pressed 666 3/4 pounds in the super heavyweight class. The 5 foot 11 inch, 268-pound Arcidi also holds the world record of 650 pounds in the 275 pound division bench press.

Johnny Woodworth, once one of Concord High and Boston College track greats in his day in the 100-yard dash and the quarter-mile, and former postal employee in West Concord, keeps the wheels turning early in the a.m. when he gets things going for the early-morning tennis players at the "bubble" over at the Thoreau Tennis Club. John, looking very jaunty, is in fine shape, and is looking forward to the Shriners first convention in Boston on the 4th of July.

The Our Ladies Bowling League celebrated their 30th year of bowling with a banquet and social evening in Maynard last Saturday evening, when better than 50 members and guests attended. The awards of the evening were then presented by Carolyn Hoar, who did most of the work for that night. For High average, the winners were: Walter Waite with a 104.12, followed by Will Lahiff and Gene Janjaquet, while for the girls, it was Barbara Harrington's 91.46, that clinched it, with a 91.46, followed by Dot Gagnon and Mae Torossian. The high triple award went to Pete Muscato with a 338, and Joanne Sheehan with a 302, and for the high singles, it was Eric and Carl Torossian and John Arena, all with a 126 each, while Yvonne Fuller had a 110, and Maria Muscato, a 102.

In the roll-offs, the team, Holy Cross, consisting of Paul Granfors, Eric Torrosian, Judy Caldwell, and Paul Landini, won the big match. As a result, Paul Granfors automatically became the league president for the next year, and a team captain as well. Perfect attendance awards went to: Joe Steinmann, Maria Muscato, John Arena, Dot Gagnon, Barbara Reeves, Carolyn Hoar, and Peter Muscato. Tommy Ryan also received a plaque for his being the lone remaining original bowler left in the league after 30 years, and Carolyn presented the most improved bowler of the year award to Will Lahiff, in honor of her late father, Eddie Cullinane, who died in 1979. Eddie will be long remembered for his many years of devotion and hard work to the league.

A large gathering of relatives and friends recently attended a 25th wedding anniversary as held at the Concord Lodge of Elks for David and Alice Loring of Grove Street, as put on by their children. Dave, who most recently retired from Gen Rad after many years, is currently enjoying the good life.

Our deepest sympathies to the families of James McFarlane and Mrs. Elsie Hansen, both of whom passed away this past week. Jim, who worked at MCI for many years, used to live over on Elm Place, at the same time as did the families of Frank McCormack, Herb Symes, Bill Dohoney, Pat Arnold, and Bill McNally, all of whom worked there as well. Mrs. Hansen, who was most active in the Willow Rebekah Lodge for many years, is survived by four daughters and a son Warren. Lilli, who now lives in Ayer, graduated with our class in 1940, and was the first girl in that class to be married.

All local sports fans in town, especially during Concord High's famed football days of the 40's and 50's, will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Bill Linsky, who was a well-known athletic trainer in Cambridge for many years, and was better known as a speaker, and many times filled the Armory with his wit.

Concord Journal - April 12, 1984

Tourism industry in Boston looking up

By Desiree French
and Lynda Gorov
Globe Staff

At Faneuil Hall Marketplace, the very heart and soul of Boston tourism, Paula Cates can see the difference from her stool at her Wild Rose Leather Cart.

"This year has definitely been better than last year," Cates says as shoppers scrutinize her leather belts and pocketbooks. Business, she says, is up about 10 percent over a year ago.

On the other side of town, at the Colonnade Hotel, chairman Ronald M. Druker, is also bullish, despite talk of a hotel-room glut. "The city right now has more supply than there is demand," he says. "But the year's been excellent so far, much better than last year. [1984] is definitely shaping up better."

And it's just the beginning, the Greater Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau said yesterday. Unlike 1983 when Boston's convention business dropped 10 percent, or like 1982 when tourist trade dipped 4.4 percent, the bureau said, this year is shaping up as the best ever for the city's convention and tourist industry.

The evidence:

- Three major events are scheduled during the summer, including the Tall Ships (June 2-6), the National Shriners Convention (July 1-6) and the Olympic Soccer Games (July 29-Aug. 3).

- A new sales office has recently been established in Washington – considered the nation's premier convention market – in conjunction with other state tourist councils and the state government.

- Greater Boston's business community is launching the "Boston – Bright from the Start" campaign and the state is implementing the "Spirit of Massachusetts" campaign, both designed to hike visitor business activity.

The bureau projects 380,000 convention delegates will visit the city this year, a 17 percent increase over 1983. The number of tourists is expected to increase a modest 4 percent, climbing to 9.4 million. The visitors will spend an estimated $771 million, 11 percent more than last year.

"I've been a manager for five years and the start of this year has been the best I've seen," says Joseph Sherwin, general manager of the Union Oyster House.

When there is talk of problems, it invariably turns to the city's hotels. At a time when occupancy rates are declining, three new hotels – the Marriott Copley Place, Hotel Inter Continental Lafayette Place and the Four Seasons – will open this year, adding 5000 more rooms to the Boston area.

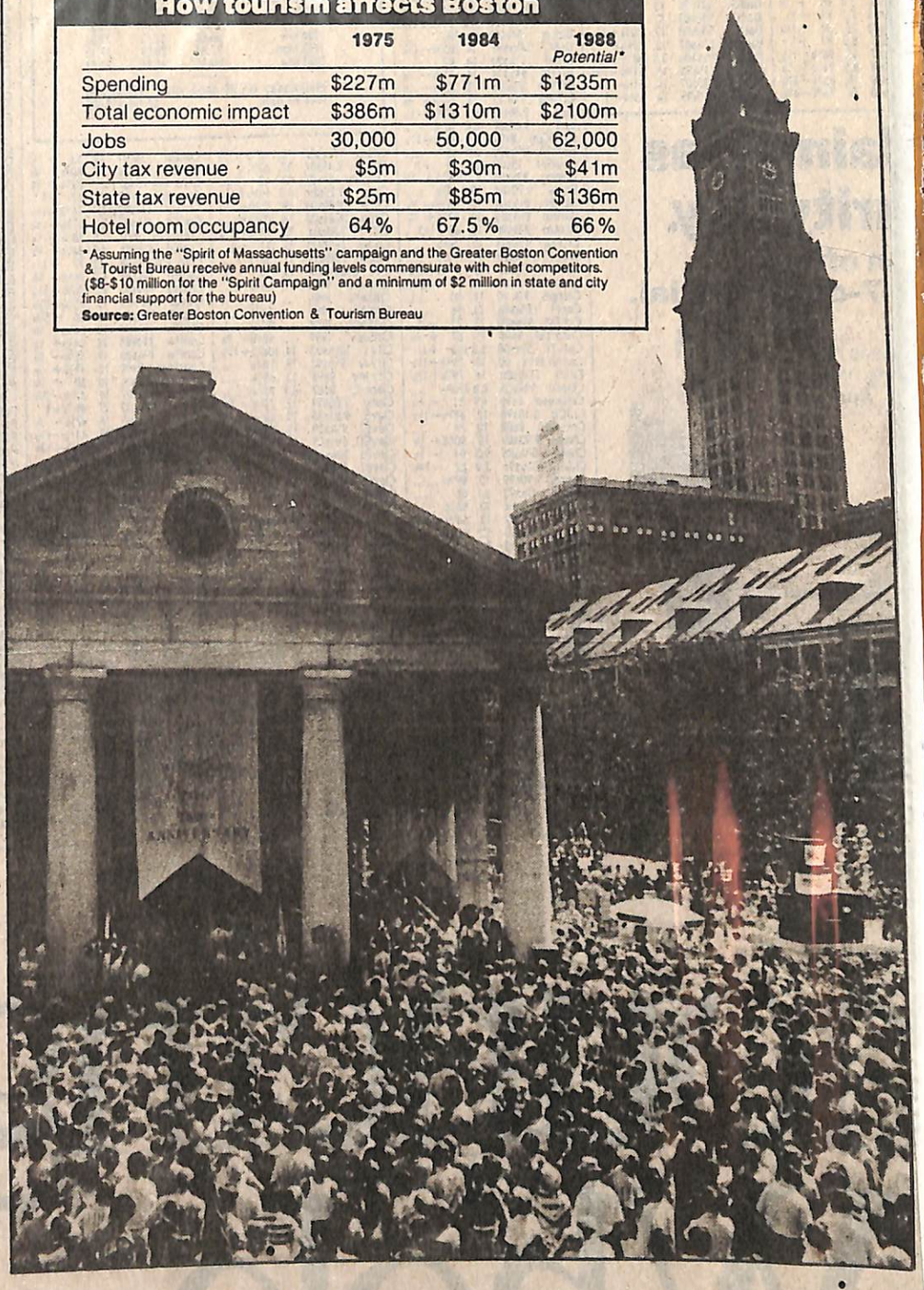
"This year business will be up over last year," said Peter Van Kleeck, president and chief operating officer of Saunders Hotels Co., which operates the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Lenox Hotel, Copley Square Hotel and Plaza Towers. "But our feeling in the hotel industry is that [tourism and convention business] needs to be even better to maintain occupancy rates."

How tourism affects Boston

	1975	1984	1988 Potential*
Spending	$227m	$771m	$1235m
Total economic impact	$386m	$1310m	$2100m
Jobs	30,000	50,000	62,000
City tax revenue	$5m	$30m	$41m
State tax revenue	$25m	$85m	$136m
Hotel room occupancy	64%	67.5%	66%

*Assuming the "Spirit of Massachusetts" campaign and the Greater Boston Convention & Tourist Bureau receive annual funding levels commensurate with chief competitors. ($8-$10 million for the "Spirit Campaign" and a minimum of $2 million in state and city financial support for the bureau)

Source: Greater Boston Convention & Tourism Bureau



Boston Globe - April 26, 1984

When Shriners march into Boston, tourist dollars will be close behind

By Bruce A. Mohl
Globe Staff

Boston takes its first crack at big-time convention business this summer as 30,000 to 50,000 Shriners march into town over the July 4th weekend for the largest convention in the city's history.

The convention will be a bonanza for area hotels, restaurants retailers and theaters, but it will be a logistic nightmare for city officials who must deal with two six-hour Shriner parades in the midst of a busy July 4th weekend.

"It's important for us to do a good job in satisfying the Shriners," said Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, acknowledging that the Shriners represent the type of convention Boston will be going after regularly once the Hynes Auditorium is expanded in 1987. These conventions are expected to help fill the 5000 new hotel rooms in the city.

Big conventions pack a powerful economic wallop. The Shriner convention, for example, will attract between 30,000 and 50,000 people, who will occupy from 9000 to 13,000 hotel rooms as far north as Danvers and as far west as Framingham. Until now, Boston's largest convention was the American Legion convention in 1980, which attracted 15,000 people.

Boston tourism officials are conservatively estimating that the Shriner convention will attract 30,000 conventioneers, who will spend more than $17.5 million during their five-day stay. State officials estimate this $17.5 million will have a ripple effect on the city's economy, spawning an additional $30 million in economic activity.

Shriner officials make even higher estimates of their economic impact. They say 50,000 conventioneers will come to Boston and spend, on average, $1000

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The Shriners mean business

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during their stay. The total outlay will be $50 million, the Shriners say.

City officials met yesterday with several top Shriner officials, including Richard B. Olfene, the imperial potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He wore a huge medal on his chest and a red hat with five gold stars, signifying his position as the nation's top Shriner.

Olfene, a graduate of Bentley College and a resident of Lewiston, Maine, takes credit for bringing the national Shriner convention to Boston. He was inducted into the Shriners' Imperial Council 10 years ago and set his sights on a Boston or Montreal convention for his year as the imperial potentate. He decided on Boston six years ago, he said.

Shriner and city officials yesterday began ironing out the logistical problems of such a huge convention. Parking, review stands, campers on city streets and where to keep horses were all items on the agenda. Police officials worried that one of the Shriners' parades might bump into the 400,000 people who normally attend the July 4th concert on the Esplanade. The parade was moved up a half-hour.

Rosemarie Sansone, director of the mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Development, said she could not estimate yet the cost to the city of playing host to the Shriner convention. Flynn pointed out that such activites benefit the city and the state, but the majority of the costs are borne by the city. He said he feels the state should share some of the city's costs.

City officials do not seem overly concerned about their ability to handle the convention. One city official leaned over to a police department official during a Shriner discourse on parking and quipped: "We don't want any of those cars stolen now."

The policeman retorted: "I hope they have Chapman locks."

Another city official warned about a shortage of portable toilets. "You better put your order in right away," he told Shriner officials.

As the Shriners prepared to move into the mayor's office for a picture-taking session, out came the fez boxes and on went the fezzes.

"By the way," said Imperial Potentate Olfene, "if you haven't seen one of these [pointing to his red fez], in July you're going to see a lot of them."

Shriners bringing a marching feast to Boston

By Herb Cole
Special to The Globe

Hotels, motels and other accommodations in the Greater Boston area will be at a premium during the Fourth of July holiday week as thousands of Shriners converge on the Hub in what is being hailed as the largest conclave of its type in Boston history.

According to a Shrine spokesman, visiting delegations will be quartered in Boston and other facilities nearly 30 miles away with reservations already made in Framingham and many other outlying communities.

Called the Imperial Session of The Shrine, the July 1-6 stay will be attended by 185 Temples from the continental United States, Hawaii and Canal Zone. Two mammoth six-hour parades and a colorful array of competitions highlight the Shrine cavalcade.

The first parade kicks off at 1:30 p.m. July 4 with a 7 p.m. starting time tentatively set for the July 5 march. Competition sites include the Hynes Auditorium, Hanscom Field, Nickerson Field and contestants run the gamut from Arab

DRUM CORPS

Patrol Drills through Horse Patrols, Oriental Bands, Drum Corps, Bagpipe Bands to funny cars and motorcycle units.

Further particulars will be released later this month. An outline of the size and scope of this gigantic convention is available from the Aleppo Shrine at 657-4202.

The Boston Sunday Globe May 6, 1984

The Shriners Are Coming
Almost 55,000 Strong

Those fun-loving Shriners with the red fezzes are coming to Boston, but they're really coming, almost 55,000 of them. It will be their first international convention ever to come to Bean Town, July 1-6, the largest convention the city has ever seen.

It is estimated they will spend some $55 million during their visit and they have already booked virtually every vacant room from Andover to Braintree to Framingham, including every hotel room and rooming house and college dormitory for miles around. They will even camp out in trailer parks, on boats in nearby harbors and in private homes.

They will come from all 50 states in the U.S. including Alaska and Hawaii, and the provinces of Canada, and from Mexico, the Caribbean and Panama Canal Zone.

Their headquarters during convention week will be the Aleppo Temple in Wilmington.

There will be two tremendous parades (Wednesday, July 4, in the daytime, and Thursday, July 5, in the evening) which will be the longest combined parades Boston has ever seen. And each night there will be a carnival featuring more than 1,000 performances, with spectacular street processions. And it's all free. There are no admission charges for the Shrine entertainment. All you need is a smile, comfortable shoes, and reason to celebrate.

There will be Arad bands, concert bands, marching bands, Aleppo Minutemen, mounted horse patrols, motorcycle units, miniature cars, antique cars, drill teams, miniature fire engines, and much emphasis on what the Shriners do when they're not out performing.

The Shriners, more than 930,000 of them, support the Shrine Burns Hospital in Boston, the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield, and 20 more hospitals around the nation, and in Canada and Mexico, all to help children in need.

It's not only free service, at all the Shrine hospitals, but it's constant research they perform which, in Boston's Shrine Burns Hospital has led to the creation of artificial skin which spells life for hundreds of burn victims. They are also working on new blood techniques which ease or eliminate pain for crippled and arthritic children.

Remember the youngster who was covered with gasoline and set on fire by his father in a California motel a year or so ago? His costs were nearly $20,000 a day, but he was flown to the Shrine Burns Hospital in Boston where he was not only stabilized, but through corrective surgery has slowly but surely been returned to a state of normalcy. It will still take many more years before the visible scars have been removed, but the process would never have occured had it not been for this unique insitution in our midst.

All Shriners are first Masons. As such, they adhere to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Those Masons who attain the third degree, "Master Mason," need go no further. But many choose to advance in Masonry to the 32nd degree, which they may attain by either of two routes, via Scottish Rite (whose headquarters are in Lexington, Mass., where they operate the Museum of Our National Heritage, or the York Rite).

Only after a Master Mason has achieved the 32nd degree may he petition to become a member of the Shrine.

While Freemasonry dates back hundreds of years (Paul Revere and many American Revolutionary heroes were Masons; George Washington was Grand Master of Masons), the Shrine was founded in 1872. There are now 185 Shrine Temples in North, South and Central America.

What most people don't realize is that the Shriners support all these hospitals from their dues and fund-raising activities, and the charge for service in these institutions is absolutely nothing. That's right. They're entirely free, thanks to this band of dedicated Masons from around the globe.

In the early 1920's, the Shriners decided to develop and support an official philanthropy. The result was 19 hospitals for crippled children, and since 1966 they had added three Shrine Burns Hospitals, where children (up to their 18th birthdays), regardless of race, religion or relationship to a Shriner, receive the most excellent medical care available, absolutely free.

Since 1922, Shriners have substantially improved the quality of life for more than 250,000 crippled and burned children. Millions more have benefited as recipients of treatments and techniques developed at Shrine Hospitals. It costs the Shriners some $162 million a year to operate these hospitals, so when you are asked to pay for a ticket to the Shrine Circus, or Rodeo, or Shrine Football Classic, or some other function, you should know that the proceeds are used to support these hospitals and the free services they provide.

Let's remember all these things when the Shriners invade Boston next July for their imperial sessions, and cheer their endeavors to aid humanity.

By Jason H. Korell
Consulting Editor

Shriners bringing some joy to injured children everywhere.

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Incidentally...

By Ed McCaffrey

Seeks Classmates - Much in the manner of Tony Bennett, Nellie (Tower) Broderick left her heart in Concord, though for years she has lived in Brighton. In a note received last week by Anna Manion, Fairhaven Road, Nellie reported that June 14 was a double anniversary for her, her 90th birthday and her 70th anniversary as a Concord High graduate. Terry McHugh was a member of that graduating class and Nellie wonders if any other members survive. She would like to hear of their whereabouts. A call to Anna would be appreciated.

Proud Scholar - At the Radcliffe commencement, Mrs. Joseph Ecker, Indian Spring Road, took her place among the honored 50th class in the academic procession. Midge picked up her sheepskin magna cum laude in 1934. Four years later, in 1938, she had her master's in American literature, again with scholastic honors. Dozens of Harvard men are beholden to Midge for her help in preparing them for their degree applications.

Influx of Visitors - What may be the largest invasion of summer visitors since the Bicentennial is expected to descend on Boston, Lexington and Concord next month when the Shriners from 50 states hold the largest convention ever hosted by The Hub. Virtually every rental bed within the 495 perimeter has been reserved for the monstrous gathering with several hundred lorries chartered to transport the visitors to Lexington and Concord. Focus for many of the visitors will be the Musuem of Our National Heritage in Lexington, built and funded by Masonic donations.

Prosperity Road - Business page editors in the trade and daily press have finally picked up the success story of Bradford Furniture Co., which opened its doors 17 years ago in the old Allen Chair Co., on Bradford Street in West Concord. The phenomenal growth is a tribute to the diligence and savvy of Antonio Ferreira and Hank Greenberg. Today, Bradford is an $8 million-a-year operation, up from $250,000 the first year. With executive offices in the old chair factory, Bradford now employs 55 persons and has two other retail stores in Natick and Pembroke.

Celtics' Footnote - During the seven-game series culminating in the Celtics memorable win for the NBA World Championship, Dr. Rob Roy McGregor was mentioned each time the Etonic shoe commercial was aired to one of the largest audiences ever to view an athletic contest. McGregor, the noted foot specialist, is the chief designer of the running shoes produced by Etonic and worn by world class runners and neighborhood joggers. When not traveling across the land conducting clinics for runners and other athletes, amateur and professional, the Concord podiatrist is busy in his lab perfecting a new type of basketball shoe. The Celtics will be among the first to lace up the new footgear.

Long Strides - Having mounted several thousand Concordians of all ages on bicycle of every description, John Carr hikes from his home on Dana Road to his sports shop on Main Street with strides that would shame a younger athlete. He forsook commuting to work aboard a bike, for the distance was too short for the high-speed wheel to stimulate his metabolism.

Water, Water - Due notice was served to ours and neighboring residences on Sunday telling of a water main shut off on Monday for eight hours. Despite ample warning, householders neglected to draw enough of the taken-for-granted liquid for all our needs. Time and again, we all found ourselves turning a faucet for shaving water or a pint or two for the brewing of tea or more important needs. Whoever remarked in those long ago days that water is never missed until the well goes dry was right on the mark.

Reservoir No Longer - The slow task of filling in the once important reservoir atop Nashawtuc Hill has begun and a dozen loads of fill have been dumped into the dry arena which first allowed our town to have a community supply of spring water. The little res long ago was supplanted by the Annursnac Hill reservoir and the several well fields. For kids of the hill it was a splendid ice rink in the winter months. Not infrequently, the crystal clear water played host to skinny dipping parties following dinner parties in the big homes that grace the slopes.

Intriguing Stone Work - We'll give a penny to know more about the ornate wall of stones which describes several of the properties on the summit of this same Nashawtuc Hill. The stones to these unpracticed eyes appear more of the type to be found at the seashore and not the boulder-types left on these acres by the retreating glaciers. Why were several hilltop parcels defined by the symmetrical arched walls about hip high? Would Mary Fenn know the story of this one-of-a-kind barrier?

Half Century - While meandering up and around Nashawtuc, we stopped again to read the tablet erected to Simon Willard in 1935 as part of the town's 300th birthday celebration. Simon, a founder of Concord, was described as, "a servant of the town, county and colony, trusted by the Indians." Whatever else, Simon knew how to select a home site, taking for himself the highest ground overlooking Concord's three rivers.

Up and Away — In the second tier of Boston advertising agencies certain of making the leap into the mega-agency world in a few short years is the firm of Emerson Lane Fortuna, the embryonic house of ads founded in 1981 by Dick Emerson, son of Walter and Jennie Emerson, our town. In its second year competing with the Hub giants, Dick's house billed $8.2 million and showed growth of a mere 95 percent. With a staff of 26, ELF specializes in broadcast advertising but is about to diversify into all media fields. Dick Emerson, considered one of Boston's best looking and most eligible bachelors, is a product of Concord Regional, where he played slam-bang football, and Norwich University, the military college in Vermont.

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TRIBUNE
HYDE PARK, MA

Shriner Bands to Perform at Prudential

Shriner bands from across the U.S.A. will join together to play a march music concert at the Prudential Center, on July 3. Over two hundred performers will play from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Prudential Center's South Plaza. The program will include music from John Phillips Sousa, a service song medley, and *Stars and Stripes Forever*. The public is invited and admission is free. For further information, call 236-3755.

JUN 22 1984

NEWS-TRIBUNE
WALTHAM, MA

Shriners greeted

Aleppo

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JUN 24 1984

SUNDAY POST
LYNN, MA

Shriners Convention Planned for Boston

BOSTON — The largest convention in Boston's history will take place July 1-6, when 50,000 Shriners march in to town. The Shriners will pack the city during the July Fourth week. There will be day and night parades, July 4 at 1 p.m. and July 5 at 7 p.m.

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CHELSEA WEEKLY NEWS
CHELSEA, MA

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"Harborwalk" even runs right through a hotel, the Long Wharf Marriott, located on Boston Harbor. The Harborwalk Parade, some 65 units strong, is going to follow the trial's blue line on July 1. So the entire parade will actually pass right through the lower lobby of the Marriott Hotel. Talk about an accomodating accommodation!

Fireworks will boom out that evening over Boston Harbor, which forms the eastern border of the city. Handel's Royal Fireworks Music will be performed live by the Banchetto Musicale from the Harbor Terrace of the New England Aquarium and broadcast over WBUR-FM radio (90.9 on your dial). A pyrotechnic display will be synchronized with the performance, lighting up the Boston sky.

Three days later, fireworks will fly over another boundary of Boston, the Charles River, which divides Boston from Cambridge. The Boston Pops, celebrating its 99th season, will perform its annual Fourth of July concert, conducted by John Williams at the Hatch Memorial Shell, concluding with the 1812 Overture and fireworks and cannon that boom out over the Charles River. The concert set a world's record in 1976 when 400,000 people attended.

As if all this weren't enough, Boston Harborfest is complemented by another happening this year. The Shriners are holding their national convention in Boston and will stage a continuous 7-hour parade on July 4th, and again on the 5th. Horses, musical units, floats, and more passing through the Back Bay and downtown areas will add another happy note to the Harborfest activities.

The large-scale Fourth of July celebration has been long overdue in Boston, considering the city's role in American Independence. It's now an annual event, destined to explode into revelry every year.

Sunday Republican - Springfield
May 20, 1984

The Hub promises a patriotic bonanza

By MICHAEL and CAROLYN MANHEIM
Special to The Republican

Boston's Fourth of July will be a real extravaganza this year, a succession of events revolving around the city's landmarks, monuments, and symbols of American Independence.

This Fourth of July is going to be Beantown's biggest with Boston Harborfest going into its third season: bigger, better, and benefitting from all its past experience.

The seven-day festival, beginning on June 28, combines entertainment, seafood, and history with some 60 different activities including parades, concerts, harbor fireworks, the third annual Chowderfest, regattas, harbor island walks, cruises, and an annual about face:

"Old Ironsides" — the USS Constitution — will take to sea again, on its once-a-year turnaround cruise. Pushed and pulled by tugs, the 187-year old frigate will take a turn into Boston Harbor the morning of July 4, ready to weather more evenly by facing a different side of its hull to the sea for a year.

Before "Old Ironside" presents its spectacle on the sea, many Boston Harborfest participants will have found a lot of prior pleasures. They will have sampled chowder from Boston's favorite restaurants (and voted for their favorites); hit the high seas themselves on a whale watch cruise (or at least Boston Harbor touring the harbor islands); and they will have turned their eyes and ears to a multitude of other events.

Boston has another historic walk to complement the venerable Freedom Trail. The latter has a red line running along Boston's streets and sidewalks, as a guide to historical attractions. The New "Haborwalk" has a blue line that runs from the Old State House to the New England Aquarium to the Boston Tea Party Ship, on its own walking tour that has many stops in between.

Photo by Michael Manheim

Fireworks set off over Boston's Long Wharf illuminate Boston Harbor.

The Shriners are coming — 55,000 strong

Get ready for a mad blast, Boston. . . the Shriners are coming — those fun-loving guys with the red fezzes and hearts as big as all outdoors.

They'll be here July 1-8 — the largest convention old Beantown has ever seen, with Shriners from all 50 states, the provinces of Canada, Mexico, the Carribean and Panama Canal Zone. Every hotel room, rooming house and college dormitory for miles around — even trailer parks, boats in nearby harbors and private homes — will be utilized.

Two of the longest combined parades in Hub history, each lasting six to seven hours, will thrill Bostonians and visitors alike complete with Arab bands, concert bands, marching bands, Oriental bands, Minutemen, mounted horse patrols, motorcycle units, miniature fire engines, drill teams, Indians, cowboys, clowns and what have you?

PAX CENTURION hails the Shriners because this unique organization will be celebrating 62 years of **FREE** hospital and medical services to children of every race, color and creed in which more than 280,000 boys and girls have been completely cured or received substantial help toward being cured of every imaginable orthopedic abnormality caused by birth defects, accidents and the like.

CLOSE TO ONE BILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN SPENT FOR THIS 62 YEARS OF FREE SERVICES. This is money raised by the Shriners themselves via a variety of activities and their personal contributions and their endowment fund.

At the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston, for example, by the time some patients are discharged bills exceeding ONE MILLION DOLLARS are run up.

The Shriners have asked the BPPA for help — not money, they don't operate that way.

They ask that BPPA members identify the kids in the neighborhoods who could benefit by their quality medical services. They ask Hub patrolmen to note, and use, their toll-free number which anybody can call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for information. It is:

1-800-237-5077

That's the number that can bring speedy action in helping youngsters with orthopedic birth defects like club feet, curvature of the spine, bow legs and dozens of other abnormalities including those caused by serious burns.

These youngsters may be helped at one of the 22 hospitals, including that in Boston, operated by the Shriners in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Let's do another thing — let's cheer on these Shriners when they invade Boston in July for their convention. Let's cheer their endeavors to aid humanity, all humanity!

PAX CENTURION - June 1984
(Boston Police Patrolmen's Ass'n)

watch on waltham

City hotels to benefit from area conventions

Hotels in Waltham are expected to do landmark business this summer. First, the state American Legion Convention will bring 1,000 visitors to town Wednesday, when they kick off the ceremonies at the Best Western East on Totten Pond Road. The Legionnaires, along with a 500-member group of Aleppo Temple Shriners, will help fill out the centennial parade June 30.

Then, during the week of July 1, 50,000 Shriners will descend on the area for their international convention, touted as the largest convention Boston has ever hosted. Again, hotel rooms for miles around will be rare as hen's teeth. Not bad summer tourism for a city without a beach.

JUN 25 1984

MIDDLESEX NEWS
FRAMINGHAM, MA

2,000 SHRINER CLOWNS to entertain in Boston during the Shriners International convention, July 1-6. The Shrine clowns have performed around the world and are regular visitors to the Shriners 22 hospitals for crippled and burned children. Two 5-hour parades with bands, horses, Shrinemobiles and clowns are scheduled for Wednesday, July 4 at 1 p.m., and Thursday, July 5 at 7 p.m.

Shriners care for kids

WALTHAM — Those fun-loving Shriners with the red fezzes are gathering in Boston in July, more than 50,000 of them. It will be their first international convention ever to come to the Hub July 1 through 6. It may be the largest convention ever seen in Boston.

The Shriners will spend some $55 million during their visit and have already booked virtually every room for miles around.

There will be two big parades, one Wednesday, July 4, daytime, and the second, Thursday evening, July 5. And each night will be a carnival featuring more than 1,000 performances with spectacular street processions. And it's all free. There are no admission charges for the Shrine entertainment.

But there is more than fun and fezzes with the Shriners. They support the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston, the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield, Massachusetts, and some 20 hospitals around the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

What most people don't realize is that the Shriners support all these hospitals from their dues and fund-raising activities, and the charge for service in these institutions is absolutely nothing. They are free, thanks to this band of dedicated Shrine-Masons around the globe.

It's not only free service at all the Shriners hospitals, but it's constant research in places like Boston's world-renown Shriners Burns Institute that has led to the creation of artificial skin which spells life for hundreds of burn victims.

One does not have to be a Shriner, or the skin of a Shriner to be treated at their hospitals. They are open to children of all races and ethnic backgrounds, and all free of any charge.

Item Hears

That Shriner Bands from across the USA will join together to play a March Music Concert at the Prudential Center, Boston, on July 3. More than 200 performers will play from 6 to 7 p.m. on the Prudential Center's South Plaza. The concert program will include music from John Phillips Sousa, a service medley, and Stars and Stripes Forever. The public is invited and admission is free.

Daily Item - Wakefield
June 26, 1984

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DAILY ITEM, WAKEFIELD, MASS., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1984

A Familiar Fez

By E. J. Kahn III Aleppo

Tens of thousands of Shriners will descend on Boston the first week in July. And don't say we didn't warn you.

THE LAST TIME THE ANCIENT ARABIC Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine held its annual Imperial Council Session in Massachusetts was 91 years ago. Exactly *where* the session was held, however, has been in some dispute. Shriner records indicate that the meeting took place at the Rockland House on Nantucket. But a few years ago a Marblehead Shriner named Harold Foley, a retired public-relations executive, determined that the Shriners had actually met in Nantasket, in the South Shore town of Hull.

Nantucket or Nantasket, the fact is that the twenty-first annual convention of the Shriners—the highest Masonic order—bore little resemblance to the carnival atmosphere Boston will experience beginning July 1, when anywhere from 25,000 to 50,000 fez-topped philanthropists from the 185-chapter organization will converge on the city for two seven-and-a-half-hour parades, a private Boston Pops concert, a drum corps competition and an Arab Patrol extravaganza at Boston University's Nickerson Field, a Motor Patrol show at Hanscom Field, in Bedford, and an Oriental bands contest in the Dorothy Quincy Suite of the John Hancock Building. And in Wilmington, the home base of the Aleppo Shrine Temple—the Shriner chapter that includes the city of Boston—there will be clown shows and band concerts.

It will be the largest convention in the city's history, according to the Greater Boston Convention & Tourist Bureau. But while no one seems to dispute the bureau's conclusion, the city and the Shriners can't seem to agree on any of the other figures they're tossing around—right down to how long it will take to walk from the Prudential Center to City Hall Plaza.

Fred Spencer, sitting in his small first-floor office at the Shriners' Burns Institute on Blossom Street, in the shadow of Mass. General, says that the numbers in the press release put out by the city "just aren't accurate." Spencer used to hold the title of potentate—Shrinerese for chief, or big cheese, if you will—at the Aleppo Temple, and is currently chairman of the board of the Boston burns institute and coordinator of the Boston convention.

According to the city's press release, there will be 25,000 Shriners, Shriner wives, Shriner children, and Shriner hangers-on. Spencer says this is nonsense—there could be as many as 50,000. They will bed down not only in the local hotels (more than 12,000 rooms have been reserved for the Shriners, who will be headquartered at both the Sheraton Boston *and* the Back Bay Hilton) but also in private homes and recreational vehicles.

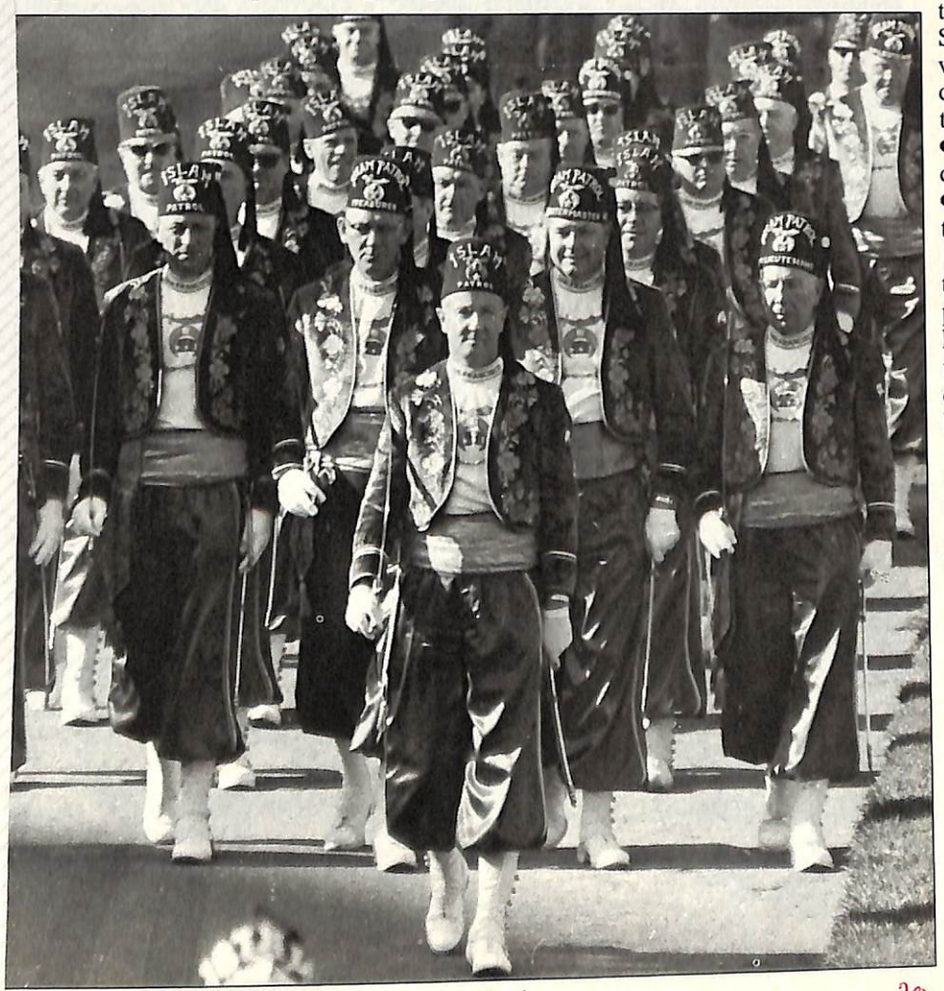
The city estimates that the Shriners will spend more than $17.5 million here, broken down as follows:

- 40 percent for accommodations;
- 26.5 percent in restaurants (the Shriners, as part of their effort to make the convention self-sustaining, will sell "Welcome Shriners" banners to local restaurants, which then, presumably, will stretch them over their entrances during the five-day get-together);
- 11 percent in retail establishments (another big banner opportunity here);
- 22.5 percent for entertainment, transportation, and "miscellaneous" expenses.

Those familiar with the Shriner stereotype might presume that Combat Zone expenditures could figure substantially in the last category, but Spencer says that fez-festooned stag nights are more or less a thing of the past: 90 percent of the Shriners will be bringing their wives to Boston.

The Shriners think the city's revenue figures are off, too. "I think we'll bring in much, much more," Spencer says.

WHATEVER THE AMOUNT, THE MONey should offset some of the inconveniences to Bostonians who can't get out of the city for the week. The biggest problems are likely to take place on July 4. At noon that afternoon, the tens of thousands of marchers in the first of the two Shriner parades scheduled for the week will begin to gather on and around Boylston Street near the Hynes Auditorium. The parade—which will be "limited" to Shrine-temple delegations containing at least 50 men—will go down Boylston Street, past the Common and the Public Garden, and turn left onto Tremont Street. Then the Shriners will head



The Shriners are coming! The Shriners are coming!

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down Tremont, past the Parker House, and will be reviewed by the Shrine's Imperial Council at a temporary stand on Government Center Plaza in front of City Hall. This will be Richard Olfene's shining moment.

Olfene, the 1984 imperial potentate, has had the past decade to decide where to hold the convention during his reign. An Auburn, Maine, resident, Bentley College graduate, and retired restaurateur, Olfene was elected to the council 10 years ago. Each council member gets a turn at the potentate job, so it was just a matter of time before Olfene's convention would come up. The potentate travels around the country in a private plane paid for by the Shriners (which is not to say that the organization plays fast and loose with its cash; its 1984 philanthropic budget is $162 million, and according to Spencer, 98 cents out of every dollar goes to caring for children who have been severely burned.) Olfene took a few years to make up his mind between Boston and Montreal, but 6 years ago he chose the Hub.

After Olfene and next year's potentate, an Atlantan named Gene Bracewell, bestow their blessings, the parade will swing down Cambridge Street, where a fleet of buses will be on hand to whisk the marchers back to the Prudential Center area. "We picked the route because it parallels the subway," Harold Foley says. One might think that Foley, a resident of the Greater Boston area, would know better than to expect the MBTA to move all those spectators. But in this case his faith may be justified. A local Mason, William Bratton, is chief of the MBTA police force.

The Shriners hope that all goes according to plan, because if it doesn't, there's going to be quite a mess at the end of Cambridge Street. Just as the parade is drawing to a conclusion, the three or four hundred thousand Bostonians expected for the annual Fourth of July Pops concert at the Hatch Shell will be streaming toward the Charles. This will not—repeat, *not*—be the day or night to bring your car into Boston.

The second Shriners parade is scheduled for the following evening. By then the marchers should at least know the route, which will be identical to that of the previous afternoon. The knowledge will come in handy, since the parade may not end until after 1 a.m. Is it worth hanging out downtown to see either parade? Spencer says there will be clowns, bands, and a fleet of miniature 1904 Oldsmobiles. Some 65 temples are expected to march—a Shriner record.

If you're looking for a souvenir of the experience, try to pick up one of the special decanters the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine has had made up for the occasion. They feature Paul Revere, who's the symbol of the one-hundred-tenth convention. Was Revere a Shriner? No, but he was the Grand Master of Boston's Masonic Lodge in 1794, which at the time was as close as you could get to having a fez on your head. □

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They're Coming To Town

Those fun-loving Shriners with the red fezzes are gathering in Boston in July, more than 50,000 of them. It will be their first international convention ever to come to the Hub July 1st through the 6th. It may be the largest convention ever seen in Boston.

The Shriners will spend some $55 million during their visit and have already booked virtually every room for miles around.

There will be two big parades, one Wednesday, July 4, daytime, and the second, Thursday evening, July 5. And each night will be a carnival featuring more than 1,000 performances with spectacluar street processions. And it's all free. There are no admission charges for the Shrine entertainment.

But there is more than fun and fezzes with the Shriners. They support the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston, the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield, Massachusetts, and some 20 hospitals around the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

What most people don't realize is that the Shriners support all these hospitals from their dues and fund-raising activities, and the charge for service in these institutions in absolutely nothing. They are free, thanks to this band of dedicated Shriners Masons around the globe.

It's not only free service at all the Shriners hospitals, but it's constant research in places like Boston's world-renown Shriners Burns Institute that has led to the creation of artifical skin which spells life for hundreds of burn victims.

One does not have to be a Shriner, or the kin of a Shriner to be treated at their hospitals. They are open to children of all races and ethnic backgrounds and all free of any charge.

New England Calendar

By The Associated Press

Boston Harborfest, the celebration of the city's revitalized waterfront that extends the Fourth of July holiday into a weeklong series of concerts, cruises, foodfairs and fireworks, has a new addition this year — some 50,000 Shriners will be in town for their 110th annual Imperial Council, and the parades they put on, says the Greater Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau, "are mammoth spectacles like no other parades in the world."

The Shriners will put on two, six-hour parades from the Prudential Center to City Hall Plaza; one on July 4 at 1 p.m. and the second on July 5 at 7 p.m.

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ATHOL DAILY NEWS
ATHOL, MA

Bernier candidate for vice commander

Leo A. Bernier Jr. of Swansea is a candidate for vice commander of the State American Legion.

A member of Post 303, Bernier is one of six Legionnaires vying for five vice-commander posts in elections at the State Legion Convention in Waltham June 27-30.

This year's state Legion Convention will coincide with Waltham's week long city centennial celebration, starting with a Legion-sponsored drum and bugle corps competition on Sunday, June 24, at Waltham's Leary Field.

A pre-convention banquet on Wednesday, June 27, will feature Dan Lambert of Maine, a noted writer and lecturer on veterans affairs. Boston University President John Silber will address the Legionnaires on Thursday, June 28, at 10 a.m. at convention headquarters, the Best Western East Hotel.

Law enforcement awards will be presented to police and firefighters from across the state at a ceremony Friday morning, June 29.

Highlight of the week is a giant fireworks display, billed as the biggest ever in Waltham, on Friday night, June 29. Results of the Legion elections will be broadcast prior to the fireworks.

Waltham's award winning American Legion Band, led by Mrs. Dorothy Slamin Hill, will perform in concert as a prelude to the fireworks at Leary Field. A special synchronization of band music and fireworks is also planned.

LEO A. BERNIER, JR.

The Legion convention will be capped by a parade through downtown Waltham Saturday afternoon, June 30. The 500-member Aleppo Temple Shriners boast the largest contingent and the Waltham Legion Band, the reigning state champions, will lead the 40-unit parade.

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SPECTATOR
SOMERSET, MA

The Shriners always put on a good parade — and they will do just that on July 4 and 5 in Boston during their international convention. Events in at their Wilmington headquarters will include a country western concert on Monday, July 2, and a horse patrol competition and clown-a-rama on the morning of July 3. The convention is expected to draw 50,000 Shriners to the Boston area.

Shriners convention includes horse competition, clown-a-rama

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The period around the Fourth of July will be an event-filled week, both on Wilmington Common and at the Shriners' Auditorium, off Concord Street. The Aleppo Temple, which is the Boston area Shriner's organization, is hosting an international convention of more than 50,000 Shriners.

While much of the convention will take place in Boston, some of the events will be in Wilmington, and they are open to the general public. The convention runs from July 1 to 6.

Highlight of the convention will be two mammoth parades in Boston. Anyone who has seen Wilmington's Memorial Day parade knows what a show the Shriners can put on. The parades in Boston will be similar in nature, but will involve Shriners from 65 mosques from all around North America. The parades will last for about six hours, the first one on the afternoon of Wed., July 4, and a repeat performance on the evening of Thurs., July 5. The parade route will be along Boylston and Tremont streets, from the Pru to Government Center.

In Wilmington, the convention opens on Sunday morning, July 1. The Shriners will serve breakfast on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They will also have concessions open during the same period, opening at 10 a.m. each day.

The entertainment begins on Monday night, with a country and western concert at 8 p.m. in Shriners' Auditorium.

Tuesday will be an action packed day. After breakfast, there will be a horse patrol competition and a clown-a-rama, both at 9 a.m. The finale for the day will be a German beerfest from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The Shriners have been busy in recent weeks, preparing their temple for the first international Shriners convention ever held in Boston. New landscaping has been added, along with other finishing touches.

Virtually every hotel room in the area has been booked for the first week of July. The Shriners are expected to spend some $55 million during their visit.

The Shriners are a Masonic order, open to men who have attained their 32nd degree in the Masons. Their trademark is the fez, a tassled Arab headpiece. The Aleppo Temple, headquartered in Wilmington, has more than 15,000 members.

The organization supports a nationwide chain of hospitals and burns institutes, offering free care to children with a need.

Shriners Parade

The two Shrine parades (Wednesday, July 4, at 1 p.m. and Thursday, July 5, at 7 p.m.) will be the longest combined parades Boston has ever seen.

There will be nearly 10,000 marching Shriners, colorful vehicles and numerous bands.

More than 2,000 clowns and characters will frolic along with a wide assortment of funny men.

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN
ANDOVER, MA

Shriner Bands To Perform

Shriner Bands from across the U.S.A. will join together to play a march music concert at the Prudential Center, Boston, on July 3. Over two hundred performers will play from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Prudential Center's South Plaza.

The concert program will include music from John Phillips Sousa, a service song medley, and Stars and Stripes Forever.

The public is cordially invited and admission is free. For further information, please call 236-3755.

CHARLESTOWN PATRIOT &
SOMERVILLE CHRONICLE
CHARLESTOWN, MA

JULY 4th CELEBRATION

If you see Anthony running through Norwood next Wednesday, tell him it isn't just "spaghetti night".

Would you believe that two of the Town's newest traditions, the 4th of July Parade and Summerfest will be happening the save evening!

The Parade, back to its old South-North route, will begin at Junior High South at 6 p.m., or thereabouts.

It will end at about 7:30 p.m. in the Star Market Parking Lot on Nahatan St.

Usually the largest concentration of spectators is in the Town Hall area.

And this is where Summerfest is held every Wednesday night during the Summer.

The concert will be ready to begin as soon as the Parade is over, thereby almost assuring one of its largest audiences ever assembled.

A most appropriate attraction will be the Riverboaters Gay Nineties Banjo Band.

They will be playing favorite American songs, many with patriotic lyrics.

And the banjo is an American instrument.

Norwood's Chuck Burgess is back as Master of Ceremonies again this year.

Mixing with the crowds will be clowns including Jimbo, another Norwood product.

The Parade, organized by the Norwood JAYCEES, will have "The New Frontier" as the theme. It will include a sizeable number of marching units, bands, antique autos, horses, clowns and floats.

There is some good news and some bad news regarding the Parade.

There might not be many bands. Some have disbanded and others have been lured to the Shriners Parade in Boston that afternoon.

Also missing this year will be the popular Boston Police Motorcycle Team. They were invited to participate but have another engagement this year.

However, the JAYCEES believe they will have the largest number of floats in many years.

Among the participants in the Parade include three Norwood fife and drum corps, the Colonial Boys, the Union Brigade, and the Tiots.

Other marching units will include the Acton Minutemen, Rockland Bagpipes, and Boston Drum & Bugle Corps.

As in the past, trophies will be awarded for the best band, float, and antique car.

Once again the "Run for Fun" road race will precede the Parade.

It will begin at the Veterans of Foreign Wars quarters on Dean St. at 5:30 p.m. The runners will go up Pleasant St. to the uptown business district, returning on Washington St. and ending where it began at V.F.W. Hall.

Runners can pre-register for $5 each by obtaining entry forms at Pam's Market, Convenience Store, Raquetball International, D & G Deli, the Recreation Department, or Golden Steer Steak House, sponsors of the event.

Registrations will be accepted just before the Race and the charge will be $6.

There will be five divisions, both male and female.

Trophies will be awarded. Tee shirts will be given to the first 100 entrants.

NORWOOD TIMES
NORWOOD, MA

Shriners Convention In Boston July 1-6

The largest convention in Boston's history will take place July 1 to 6, when 50,000 Shriners march in to town. The Shriners will pack the city during the July 4th week. There will be day and night parades, Wednesday, July 4 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The six-day convention will be a bonanza for area hotels, restaurants, retailers, theatres, historic sites and resort areas. It will be a week-long celebration for the visitors from all corners of the U.S.A., Canada and around the world. Most of them have never been to Boston.

This is the 110th annual Shriners Imperial Council Session. Back in 1895, Nantasket Beach was the site of the 21st Shriners meeting, and there were barely 500 attending.

On July 1 the Fez-tive time begins. The Shriners are noted for being fun-loving bunch of "men with a boy's spirit inside". But they take their philanthropy, the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, very seriously.

This year's budget for the Hospitals is $110 million. Part of this is supplied by the 900,000 plus members' annual individual donation of $5.00.

The rest is raised through the various Shrine sponsored programs such as the East-West Shrine football game, Shrine circuses and paper drives.

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VOCALISTS PEABO BRYSON AND JENNIFER HOLLIDAY Sat., 7:30 p.m. Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston. Tickets $13.75 and $17.75, available at the Orpheum Theater box office, Ticketron outlets or by calling 723-8800.

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON Boston Common. Tickets $11.50-$16, available at Ticketron outlets. Concerts start at 6 p.m.
Tomorrow, Go-Gos.
Tues., Jimmy Buffet.
July 5, Al Jarreau.

DOUBLE RIGGS July 5, 8:15 p.m. Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston. Jazz quartet with percussionist Ed Uribe. Selections from their recent debut album. Tickets $2; $1 seniors, available at the box office. Information, 266-1400.

HATCH MEMORIAL SHELL SERIES Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade, Boston. Sponsored by the MDC. Information, 727-5215.
Tomorrow, Sat., Sun., Tues., 8:30 p.m. and Wed., 8 p.m. Boston Pops.
Sat., 10:15 a.m. Boston Pops Youth Concert.
July 7, 8 p.m. Metropolitan Wind Symphony.
July 8, 12 noon. Ribs.
July 8, 3-8 p.m. New England Songwriters.

JAZZ UNDER THE STARS Thursdays at 8 p.m. Museum of Fine Arts courtyard, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. Concerts performed and arranged by members of the Berklee College of Music. Tickets $8; $6 students, seniors and members. Tickets available at the museum box office, Bostix in Quincy Market, Berklee Performance Center box office, or by calling Concertcharge, 497-1118. Information, 267-9300, ext. 306.
July 5, "Remember Louis," with the Jeff Stout Hot Six in a tribute to Louis Armstrong.

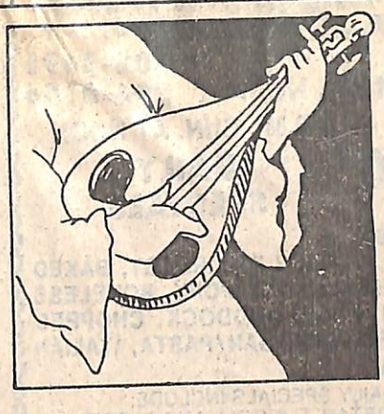
LUNCH TIME FOLK CONCERT SERIES Thursdays during July, 12 noon-1 p.m. Winthrop Park, Harvard Sq., Cambridge. July 5, Betsy Rose and Rising Tide. Sponsored by the Cambridge Arts Council and the Folk Arts Network.

SEABROOK REUNION CONCERT AND DANCE PARTY July 7, 8 p.m. Cambridge Institute for Arts and Sciences, 21 Notre Dame St., Cambridge. Sponsor: Mobilization for Survival and the Mass. Nuclear Referendum Committee. Music by Bright Morning Star, Pat and Tex, Pat Scanlon and Betsy Rose. Tickets $5 advance; $6 at the door. Information, 524-1520 or 354-0008.

SHRINER BANDS CONCERT Tues., 6 p.m. Prudential Center's South Plaza, Boston. Works of John Phillip Sousa. Information, 236-3755. Admission free.

SOUTH SHORE FOLK MUSIC CLUB Tomorrow, 8 p.m. Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Music by Jeannie Stahl and her band — Stuart Schulman, Billy Novick and Dave Clark. And the Jubilee Swing Band. Tickets $5, $4 members. Information, 746-9120 or 934-6083.

SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS Rte. 3 south to exit 14, then Rte. 228 to Rte. 3A, Cohasset. Ticket information: Box 325, Cohasset, 02025 or by calling 383-1400. Group rates and season tickets available. Tickets, $13.50-$22.50, are also available at all Ticketron locations or by calling Charge-It at 1-800-223-0120.
Tonight, 8 p.m. Air Supply.
Tomorrow, 8 p.m. The Rovers.
Sat.-Sun., 7 and 10 p.m. Joan Rivers and friends.
Mon-July 5, 8 p.m. No performance Wed. Peter Allen. $22.50.
July 6, 8 p.m. Happy Together Tour '84 with The Turtles, The Association, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, Spanky & Our Gang. $15.
July 7, 6 and 9:30 p.m. George Carlin. $19.50.
July 8, 4 and 8 p.m. Crystal Gayle. $15.



VILLAGE LANDING CONCERTS Near intersection of Routes 3A and 44, Plymouth Waterfront. Admission free. Sat., 7 p.m. Stoney Lonesome Bluegrass Band.
Wed., 4 and 7 p.m. Dixieland Windjammers and the Legion Band.
July 8, 3 p.m. Happy Squares Square Dancing Demonstration.

WATER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES Tickets and information, 876-8742.

Cabaret Jazzboat: Sails Wed. and Fri., 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. From Long Wharf. Tickets $9.50-$10.50. Tomorrow, Flora Purim and Mili. July 6, The New Black Eagle Jazz Band and Stormin' Norman and Suzy.

PATRIOT LEDGER
QUINCY, MA

Boston awaits 50,000 Shriners

Aleppo

BOSTON — More than 50,000 Shriners will descend upon Boston from July 1-6 to participate in the 110th International Shriners Convention.

Two parades, featuring more than 10,000 marchers, will be the highlight of the week.

The parades will take place in the afternoon July 4 and in the evening July 5.

A carnival featuring more than 1,000 performances will be featured each night. All entertainment will be free.

The Shriners support more than 20 hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, including the Shriners Burn Institute in Boston. The Shriners charge nothing for service in these institutions.

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FALL RIVER HERALD NEWS
FALL RIVER, MA

BOSTON – Nearly 10,000 Shriners from throughout the United States will participate in two huge parades on Wednesday, July 4, at 1 p.m.; and Thursday, July 5, at 7 p.m., to include impromptu street processions from Prudential Center to Park Square to the Waterfront. All sorts of bands, fun vehicles and colorful entertainment will be featured.

The schedule for the Swansea program at The Bluffs:

9 a.m., quahog hunt, sack races and watermelon-eating contest for youngsters, concluding at 11 a.m.; 11 a.m., the teenage band, Injustice, will perform for one hour; 12:30 p.m., a breakdancing exhibition will be performed by the Crush Crew; 1 p.m., Shriners Clowns will perform and give out free balloons; 2 p.m., a square dancing demonstration will be given by the 4-Hands Rounds Club.

3:30 p.m., a "Little Miss Beauty" contest will be held at the same time as a "Mr. Muscle" contest; 4 p.m., an awards ceremony will be held with free refreshments; 5 p.m., Pax, a musical group, will play tunes from the 1950's and 1960's for one hour.

Harbor bright for celebration

Boston Harborfest promises to be a pleasant way to celebrate the nation's birthday. The organizations that choreographed the six-day production can take a bow.

This inventive, well-organized tribute to the beauty of the harbor is just the tonic that Boston needs after the recent Tall Ships fiasco. The benefits of the festival extend beyond a week of merrymaking. For example, planned walking tours and picnics on the harbor islands highlight a valuable nearby recreational resource for residents and visitors.

The third annual Harborfest, beginning today and lasting through July 4, is also a good way to welcome the more than 40,000 Shriners arriving here for their annual convention.

The 60 events include parades by the Shriners, land and sea concerts and chowderfests. There will be a fireworks display and tours of Fort Independence on Castle Island, as well as the traditional Boston Pops Esplanade concert.

Until a Super Harbor agency comes about, the businesses and agencies involved in Boston Harborfest deserve praise.

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BOSTON, MA

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Shriners parade through Boston to cheers, laughter of one million

By Peggy Hernandez
Contributing Reporter

A crowd estimated by police at more than 1 million lined both sides of a route between Prudential and Government centers to cheer approximately 10,000 Shriners marching in a Fourth of July parade here yesterday afternoon.

Amid much laughter and applause, the Shriners paraded 1.6 miles down Boylston and Tremont streets in a variety of garb that included Arabic-style robes, tuxedos, Scottish kilts, clown costumes and a countless number of the trademark red fezes. Some rode horses, others go-carts, miniature cars and antique cars.

The six-hour parade in 90-degree temperature was the highlight of a week-long series of events sponsored by the Shriners during their international convention in Boston. An estimated 55,000 Shriners and their families from 185 chapters in the US, Canada, Mexico and the Panama Canal Zone are in town for the convention, which concludes Friday.

The Shriners boast 900,000 members in North America. They are a philanthropic fraternity whose members' ages average between 60 and 62 years.

Another Shriners parade is planned for 7 tonight along the same route as yesterday's. Spokesman Kenneth Gott, a Shriner from Chelmsford, said a smaller number of Shriners are expected in tonight's march.

Yesterday's parade kicked off with marching units from the Boston Shriners' chapter. First came a standard marching band, then a band playing Mideastern tunes followed by a car towing a model of the Boston Shriners Burns Institute, then Minutemen who frequently fired their muskets. There were also a bagpipe group, a mounted patrol . . . .

And that was just the Boston chapter.

Robed Shriner toots his way through downtown Boston.
GLOBE PHOTO BY JOHN TLUMACKI

"I've seen a lot of Shriners in a lot of other parades and they're really terrific, and I figured if they were all together it would be a great parade," Janet Ganson of Wayland said, explaining why she was watching the event. With her was her 5-year-old son.

Jan Griffith of Lincoln, who watched the parade as it passed Boston Common, called the event "terrific."

Griffith paused to hoot as a group of Shriners from St. Albans, Vt., drove miniature cars over a small jump. "I think it's great to see guys that age doing outrageous things," she said.

When asked if she knew what a Shriner is, Griffith gave an embarrassed laugh. "I haven't a clue, unfortunately," she said.

Paul and Pat Sears of Braintree, who stood near Copley Square with their two children, knew. "They're a fraternal organization," Pat Sears said. Her husband added, "They have those hospitals, like the burns center in Boston."

The Shriners operate 21 hospitals in the United States that specialize in treating burned and crippled children. Money raised through the Shriners' activities are turned over to the hospitals.

Balloon vendor Laurel d'Entremont of Brookline, who has been selling her wares at Boston parades for eight years, said the Shriners' parade was one of the largest and most well organized she has seen.

"I got out here at 7 a.m. and they [Shriners] had street cleaners out, which I've never seen before," d'Entremont said while blowing up balloons. "As parades go, this one is excellent," she added.

Police spokesman Peter Woloschuk said no arrests were made during the parade. He said Boston Health and Hospitals Medical Services reported treating a small number of people for minor injuries.

Some critical spectators were also on hand to view the parade. Many Shriner groups were not just entertaining the crowd, they were competing for a number of judges rating their performance. The winners of the various classes of clowns, horse patrols and bands will be announced later this week.

Competition didn't mean a thing to Steve Cornejo, 8, of Jamaica Plain and his brother Mauricio, 3. They were watching the parade with their parents at the corner of Tremont and Bosworth streets.

"I like the clowns," Steve said, then nudged his brother, who stood silent and enraptured by the parade. "He likes the motorcycles and horses," Steve said, turning his attention back to the parade.

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BOSTON GLOBE

Shriner time . . . More than 8000 Shriners comprise a parade to beat the band in celebration of the Shriners' national convention, which is being held in Boston for the first time in more than 100 years. The six-hour **Shriners Parade**, which should be one of the longest in Boston history, begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Prudential Center and follows Boylston street to Tremont street, past the reviewing stand at City Hall Plaza to its conclusion at New Sudbury street. More than 50,000 Shriners are in town for the convention. Telephone 665-6466.

BOSTON GLOBE
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Shriners bringing a marching feast to Boston

By Herb Cole
Special to The Globe

Hotels, motels and other accommodations in the Greater Boston area will be at a premium during the Fourth of July holiday week as thousands of Shriners converge on the Hub in what is being hailed as the largest conclave of its type in Boston history.

According to a Shrine spokesman, visiting delegations will be quartered in Boston and other facilities nearly 30 miles away with reservations already made in Framingham and many other outlying communities.

Called the Imperial Session of The Shrine, the July 1-6 stay will be attended by 185 Temples from the continental United States, Hawaii and Canal Zone. Two mammoth six-hour parades and a colorful array of competitions highlight the Shrine cavalcade.

The first parade kicks off at 1:30 p.m. July 4 with a 7 p.m. starting time tentatively set for the July 5 march. Competition sites include the Hynes Auditorium, Hanscom Field, Nickerson Field and contestants run the gamut from Arab Patrol Drills through Horse Patrols, Oriental Bands, Drum Corps, Bagpipe Bands to funny cars and motorcycle units.

DRUM CORPS

Further particulars will be released later this month. An outline of the size and scope of this gigantic convention is available from the Aleppo Shrine at 657-4202.

St. Anthony's Drill Team of Everett marked one-quarter of a century of competition in a 25th anniversary reunion Friday night at the Sunshine Lodge in Malden. Under the management of Chet Paglucia, St. Anthony has been a strong contender in drill team and color guard circles as a member of the EMass and CYO circuits.

Claiming to be the fastest growing open class corps on the east coast are the Valley Airs of Northbridge who are putting the final touches to their 1984 marching patterns and musical repertoire. Comprising talent from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, the corps competed in 15 states in '83 and plans for this season call for engagements from Wisconsin to Georgia.

EMass executive committee assembles May 14 at 8 p.m. and the general body one week later in St. Joseph's bandroom, Medford. Circuit color guard championship winners include St. Anthony of Everett (Class A); Emerald Marquis of Whitman (Open); St. Patrick of Stoneham (Class B); St. Joseph of Wakefield (Class C) and St. Mary of Brookline (Cadets).

Victors in the CYO circuit color guard finals were St. Therese of Everett (Cadets); St. Ann of Neponset (Junior B); St. Catherine of Somerville (Junior A and Prep B) and Avilaros of West Roxbury (Prep A).

Dept. of Mass. VFW contest director Raymond O'Brien announces that June 16 is the date of the 64th annual state convention parade in Springfield starting at 2 p.m. Applications must be postmarked by June 1 and forwarded to O'Brien at the VFW Room 546 office in the state house. Prize money for the top three finishers in several categories totals $5450. Among expected participants are junior bands, drum corps, pipe bands plus senior rifle drill teams, post color guards and ladies color guards.

The VFW National March of Champions is scheduled for Chicago's Soldiers Field Aug. 22, preceded by the annual military parade the evening of Aug. 21. More than $34,000 in cash prizes will be distributed to top scoring units in the field competiton with $6250 allocated to parade winners. O'Brien can be reached for further details at 5 Stevens st., Stoneham 02180.

Two senior corps have reinforced their ranks with new members and instructional changes that could earn higher rankings in the '84 campaign. The Rochester, N.Y., Crusaders are certain to distinguish themselves as they maintain a full color presentation in their final number. Corps generally have departed from this practice, opting for the use of no American flag or shunting it to the corner sideline.

Reportedly enlarged over last year's edition, the Matadors of Rhode Island are anticipating better performance through the addition of more personnel and alterations in their drill and musical charts.

All Night Vigil At The Waterfront Chapel

During the weeklong celebrations for the Fourth of July, including the fireworks display with Handel's "Water Music" on Sunday, and the re-dedication of the Buckley Playground on Monday, and the back-to-back spectacular Shriners' Parades, and the traditional Esplanade extravaganza climaxing with the 1812 Overture and another fireworks display, there will be an all-night vigil at the waterfront chapel, beginning at 9 p.m., Firday night, July 6th and continuining all through the night until 5:30 a.m., Saturday, July 7th.

Preceeding the Mass, John LaBrie will present a medley of organ music, featuring patriotic songs and hymns as a salute for Independence Day.

The Mass at 9 p.m. will be offered for 16 year old Anthony Keville, son of Barbara Keville, who, for the past 12 years, has coordinated the monthly All Night Eucharistic Vigils in the archdiocese. He died suddenly last week.

The theme of the Vigil Mass ill be Repect For Life, and a special prayer will be said for the Soul of the City of Boston.

Following the prayer, there will be the ceremony of the Blessing and Annointing of Hands, as a symbol of service of "reaching out to touch someone."

Rev. Walter J. Martin, S.J. Chaplain of the Seaport of Boston, will give a homily, "We Believe in the Lord, the Giver of Life," and, before the Procession, Reverend David Mitchell, Executive Director of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, will also speak.

There will be a candlelight Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the chapel garden, and, following the procession, Evelyn Nauyokas and other chapel people will have refreshments, including an original sea food salad.

Meditation sheets will be given out to all who take part in this vigil, featuring prayers and reflections for respect for all humna life, and pledge certificates will also be available.

The devotions will continue throughout the night, concluding with a Mass in honor of Our Lady at 5 a.m. Saturday morning.

The public is invited to take part in this celebration at the waterfront

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'T' police beef up 'dip' unit

By KEVIN CULLEN

MBTA Police last night beefed up patrols aimed at nailing pickpockets who have flocked to Boston to prey on the 50,000 Shriners here for their national convention.

The increased deployment of undercover T detectives and decoys followed a rash of seven pickpocketing incidents on the transit system Tuesday night. None involved Shriners.

The transit system usually averages about one or two reported incidents daily, said MBTA Police Chief William Bratton, who is convinced the increase is directly related to the arrival of Shriners for their week-long convention.

"These people (pickpockets) are pros, like traveling businessmen, and they're here scouting the place, waiting to get their hands on the Shriners," Bratton said yesterday in an interview. "We intend to nip this in the bud."

While the T usually has a team of undercover detectives looking for pickpockets every day, Bratton said at least four teams will be on the job while the Shriners are in town.

"I'd be willing to bet we'll grab some people from out of town in the next few days, from New York or Philadelphia," said Bratton. "They come in from all over for events like this."

An unusual aspect of the ripoffs was that the prime suspects in several incidents were believed to be two women.

"Often you'll have a woman working with a man, but it's seldom you'll have two women working together," said Bratton. The other two thefts were on the Green Line.

City officials bent on making Boston a convention capital are particularly committed to having the Shriners event run smoothly.

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Aleppo

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Shriner Bands to Perform at Prudential

Aleppo

Shriner bands from across the U.S.A. will join together to play a march music concert at the Prudential Center, on July 3. Over two hundred performers will play from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Prudential Center's South Plaza. The program will include music from John Phillips Sousa, a service song medley, and *Stars and Stripes Forever*. The public is invited and admission is free. For further information, call 236-3755.

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HYDE PARK, MA

RICHARD B. OLFENE

Richard B. Olfene Imperial Potentate

Richard B. Olfene of Maine was elected Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America at the 109th Imperial Session held in Denver on July 6, 1983.

As the Shrine's highest official he directs the activities of the approximately 900,000 Shriners in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama.

A graduate of Bentley College, Boston, Imperial Potentate Olfene is the president of Roundhouse, Inc., a Maine motor inn, and he is a licensed real estate broker. He is the son of a well known merchant of the twin cities of Auburn-Lewiston, Maine.

A Past Potentate of Kora Temple of Lewiston (1966), he is a member of Tranquil Lodge No. 29, A.F. and A.M., Auburn, as well as the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lewiston and Maine Consistory, A.A.S.R. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master and a Knight Templar.

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HARBORFEST

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Wednesday — 9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m., Harborfest USS Constitution Turnaround and Dixieland Brunch. New England Aquarium Harbor Terrace, reservations required.

10:30 a.m. — noon, procession and oration of the Declaration of Independence at the Old State House.

Noon, USS Constitution fires a 21 cannon salute in the harbor off Fort Independence.

2 p.m., Shriner's Parade from Back Bay to City Hall Plaza.

7 p.m., Esplanade Fireworks Cruise, Bay State and Provincetown Lines from Long Wharf.

8 p.m., Boston Pops Concert at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade perform the traditional Fourth of July program.

For more information, call 227-1528.

2 mammoth Shrine parades

WALTHAM — The two Shrine parades (Wednesday, July 4 at 1 p.m. and Thursday, July 5 at 7 p.m.) will be the longest combined parades Boston has ever seen. They are larger than the victory parades of World Wars I and II. The parades will exceed the 1980 Boston 350th Celebration parade in size and splendor. The Shriners parade will be both day and night.

There will be nearly 10,000 marching Shriners, some in flowing silks, others in funmobiles, drill teams, bands, and on horseback. The colorful vehicles range from Indianapolis Speedway racing cars to midget cars and fire engines.

The music alone is spectacular and varied. There are John Philip Sousa bands, dixieland bands, Scottish kilty bands, banjo and string bands, mountaineer bands, oriental bands, cowboy bands, Canadian military bands, drum and bugle corps, and Puerto Rican steel bands.

More than 2,000 clowns and characters will frolic along with a wide assortment of funny men in crazy cars, trolleys, and choo choo trains. It is said the Shriners international parade is the most colorful in the world exceeding the pageantry and size of the New Orleans Mardi Gras and Pasadena Rose parades.

SHRINERS ARE MARCHIN' IN to Boston for the annual international Shriners convention, July 1-6. More than 50,000 Shriners from the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Caribbean will invade the Hub, turning the Athens of America into an Arabian Nights Dream. The Shriners mammoth parades take place Wednesday, July 4 at 1 p.m. and Thursday, July 5 at 7 p.m.

For six days the Shriners convention goes on in other informal ways. There is the transformation of the reserved City of Boston to a glittering "Bagdad on the Charles".

Whether you find yourself in sophisticated Back Bay or on the hallowed cobblestones of Faneuil Hall-Quincy Marketplace — it will be an Arabian Nights dream come true.

"For one electrifying week Boston will be a playground of magic carpet delights; its streets into dozens of small stages", proclaims Aleppo Temple Potentate Richard F. Norris of Winchester.

"Each night will be a carnival featuring more than 1,000 performances by over 5,000 musicians and entertainers. Impromptu street processions from Prudential Center, to Park Square to the Waterfront will take place," Norris said.

The astonishing part is — the entertainment is free.

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But there is more than fun and fezzes with the Shriners.

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What most people don't realize is that the Shriners support all these hospitals from their dues and fund-raising activities, and the charge for service in these institutions is absolutely nothing. They are free, thanks to this band of dedicated Shrine-Masons around the globe.

It's not only free service at all the Shriners hospitals, but it's constant research in places like Boston's world-renown Shriners Burns Institute that has led to the creation of artificial skin which spells life for hundreds of burn victims.

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Shriners Convention in Boston

The largest convention in Boston's history will take place July 1-6, when 50,000 Shriners march into town.

The Shriners will pack the city during the July 4th week. There will be day and night parades, Wednesday, July 4 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday July 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The 6-day convention will be a bonanza for area hotels, restaurants, retailers, theatres, historic sites and resort areas. It will be a week-long celebration for the visitors from all corners of the U.S.A., Canada and around the world. Most of them have never been to Boston.

"It's important for us to do a good job in satisfying the Shriners," said Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, acknowledging that the Shriners represent the type of convention Boston will be going after regularly once the Hynes Auditorium is expanded in 1987.

This convention will bring 50,000 people into the Boston area with further excursions throughout New England. The Los Angeles Shriners are traveling as far as Nova Scotia after they leave Boston.

Shrine officials estimate the economic impact to be an outlay of $55 million into the area.

This is the 110th annual Shriners Imperial Council Session.

Back in 1895, Nantasket Beach was the site of the 21st Shriners meeting, and there were barely 500 attending. This year 50,000 will arrive by jet, train, bus, auto and boat. Representatives of the 185 Temples in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean have registered.

Imperial Potentate Richard F. Olfene of Kora Shrine Temple, Lewiston, Maine, is responsible for bringing the Shriners to Boston.

Aleppo Shrine Temple of Wilmington, Massachusetts is providing the major support in making the arrangements with government and business leaders.

"The Shriners convention will be the model used in the future to attract major national conventions to Boston," said Director Frederick A. Spencer, Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple and now the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the famed Shriners Burns Institute in Boston.

On July 1 the Fez-tive time begins. The Shriners are noted for being a fun-loving bunch of "men with a boy's spirit inside." But they take their philanthropy, the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, very seriously.

This year's budget for the Hospitals is $110 million. Part of this is supplied by the 900,000 plus members annual individual donation of $5.00. The rest is raised through the various Shrine sponsored programs such as the East-West Shrine football game, Shrine circuses and paper drives.

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DORCHESTER ARGUS-CITIZEN
HYDE PARK, MA

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Editorial

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Elsewhere

Portsmouth, N.H. celebrates Wednesday with a parade, Punch and Judy shows, fiddle and jazz music, juggling, broiled salmon barecue at Puddle Dock, $15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.;children's relay races Whidden Place,contradance, all at Strawbery BankeU.S. Marines Sunset Parade, Leary Field, 7 p.m.; fireworks Leary Field, 9 p.m.

Castle Hill, Ipswich, Wednesday, 4-9 p.m., old-fashioned picnic, Sousa band concert, fireworks; admission $6 adults, $3 children.

Boston Harborfest a celebration centered around the Boston Harbor opens June 28 and culminates July 4. Ongoing activities at Boston's waterfront including the annual 2½-hour U.S.S. Constitution cruise from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. visible anywhere place from harbor; 21 cannon salute, noon; Water Music Royal Fireeworks Concert at New England Aquarium's Harbor Terrace, 8:30 p.m. Sunday; Shriner's parade, 2 p.m. Wednesday with 8,00 Shriners in dress from Tremont Street past City Hall Plaza; Boston Pops Concert with fireworks, Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade, 8 p.m. Wednesday. Up With People plays at Boston Esplanade Sunday at 8 p.m.

Hudson, N.H. Speedway, just off Route 102, fireworks at dusk, approximately 9 p.m., as part of a 17-automobile race program.

LAWRENCE EAGLE-TRIBUNE
LAWRENCE, MA

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New England calendar—

Shriners will color Boston Harborfest

By The Associated Press

Boston Harborfest, the celebration of the city's revitalized waterfront that extends the Fourth of July holiday into a weeklong series of concerts, cruises, food-fairs and fireworks, has a new addition this year — some 50,000 Shriners will be in town for their 110th annual Imperial Council, and the parades they put on, says the Greater Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau, "are mammoth spectacles like no other parades in the world."

The Shriners will put on two, six-hour parades from the Prudential Center to City Hall Plaza; one on July 4 at 1 p.m. and the second on July 5 at 7 p.m.

The ever-popular Chowderfest is at New England Aquarium on June 30 and there's a New England Clambake on July 1 on George's Island.

The Boston Pops will perform in four concerts on the Charles River Esplanade during Harborfest, June 30, July 1 and July 3 at 8:30 p.m., and the big one, July 4 at 8 p.m., which finishes with the "1812 Overture" and a flourish of fireworks.

The concerts are free, as are many other exhibits at the Old State House, the Charlestown Navy Yard and other in-town locations. Tickets for festivities requiring admission are available at Visitor Information Centers at Boston Common and the Prudential Center. Further information at 617-536-4100.

But do celebrate in moderation because there is another Independence Day celebration just around the corner, and the French Library in Boston says it's ninth annual Bastille Day 'bal musette' will be the "best party of the year." Who's to argue?

The block between Berkeley and Clarendon along Marlborough Street will be roped off the evening of July 13 (rain date the 14th) and the festivities begin at 6 p.m. For $40 per, there will be a champagne reception with some exquisite hors d'oeuvres. At 7 p.m. a picnic basket dinner complete with wine and dessert while Alfonso and Mauricio sing the songs of Jacques Brel and Edith Piaf. That will be followed by a recreation of tactics used by the civilian army that stormed the Bastille back in 1789 and everyone will join in singing the Marseillaise (shades of Casablanca, that). From 8:30 to midnight, dancing to a 12-piece Calypso band. A la carte food and beverage bars will be open throughout the evening.

A $10 ticket is available if you only want to dance and gawk at the swells.

Reservations are required for the champagne reception and dinner through the library at 53 Marlborough St., Boston, 02116, or call 617-266-4351. Dance only tickets can be bought in advance or at the gate.

Some other amusements...

CRAFTS

The Mount Holyoke College Art Museum is presenting an exhibit of American crafts gleaned from New England collections. More than 40 objects in a wide variety of materials from the early 18th to the early 20th century are on view through Aug. 10 in South Hadley, Mass. Free. Noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. 413-538-2245.

MUSEUM

The Prudence Crandall House, opened by Miss Crandall in 1833 as a boarding school for black women (the first of its kind in New England) and closed a year later by the angry townsfolk of Canterbury, Conn., has been restored to its architectural purity by the Connecticut Historical Commission and is now open to the public as a museum. Architects say its a fine example of the Canterbury style, a variation of the Federal style. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission $1.25 and under. More information at 203-546-9916.

PRINTS

More than 200 prints from the first-rate contemporary collection of Lois and Michael Torf are on view at the Williams College Museum of Art in Williamstown, Mass., through July 15. Included in the show is a complete portfolio of Kandinsky from the time he worked at the Bauhaus in the early 1920s, and about two dozen prints by Picasso. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

FERRY

Some pretty well-known people live on the Thimble Islands off the Connecticut shore on Long Island Sound, but you won't find out just where they live from freeyboat- tourboat Capt. Dwight Carter, himself a fifth-generation islander. What you will get during the hour or so tour aboard his Volsunga III is a running narrative of the big hurricane of '38, some lore about Capt. Kidd and his buried treasure and a swing by Davis Island where President Taft set up the summer White House one year. Hourly cruises aboard the Volsunga between noon and 4 p.m. on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and holidays from the Stony Creek dock in Branford, Conn. Fee is $3, $2 for children under 12. Information at 203-488-9978. The Sea Mist also offers island cruises from the same dock, weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for children. Call 203-481-4841.

CRANE

The Florence Griswold Museum in Oly Lyme, Conn., is showing the first retrospective of American artist Bruce Crane's work through Sept. 9. More than 40 landscapes, including some watercolors, from all phases of his career are on display, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 203-434- 5542.

LANDSCAPES

More than 30 regional painters are represented in a new show, "New England Landscapes," at the Newport Museum, a show that Providence Journal-Bulletin arts writer Channing Gray says in "one of the handsomest (the museum) has staged in recent memory, one that any area museum would be glad to hang." Museum director Frederick Walkey says the exhibit is simply "some good paintings" of subjects close to the artists' hearts, paintings about their notion of place. Through July 29. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission $1 or less. Free to those 18 or under and free to all on Tuesdays. Call 401-847-0179.

BELLS

Bell are ringing for the 35th summer at Trinity College in Hartford, and picnickers are welcome on the spacious quadrangle lawn to hear carilloneurs from around the world perform in the Plumb Memorial Carillon Concerts. Every Wednesday evening at 7 through Aug. 22. Early arrivals can listen to chamber mucic concerts in the college chapel. Free.

PHOTOS

The Smith College Museum in Northampton, Mass., has mounted an exhibit of black and white photographs taken between 1940 and 1984 by Alison Frantz, a 1924 alumna. Her landscape photographs, says Robin Karson in the Springfield Republican, "freeze the vastness of the Greek country into monuments of great clarity. Ms. Frantz has the uncanny ability to capture the look and feel of antiquity." Tuesday through Saturday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. More information at 413- 584-2700.

FITCHBURG LEOMINSTER
SENTINEL & ENTERPRISE
FITCHBURG, MA

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Shriners come to birthplace of US Freemasonry

Like the nomads crossing the sands of the desert on their pilgrimage to Mecca, the red-fezzed Shriners come to Boston July 1-6 to convene the 110th annual Imperial Convention Session of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.). In its first visit to Boston, Shrinedom comes to the birthplace of American Freemasonry and to the city that sparked the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

Back in 1895 the Shrine first came to Massachusetts for its 21st session when 500 men gathered at Nantasket Beach. Contrast that to the expected 50,000 representatives from 185 Temples in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, and it is apparent the Shrine is now a viable institution working for the benefit of mankind.

Raising funds to relieve distress among children is their mission. The Shrine now supports 22 hospitals across America; the need to attract new members from Masonry will be one of the main topics on the convention agenda.

Imperial Potentate Richard B. Olfene of Kora Temple in Lewiston, Maine, predicts Boston will host the largest convention ever held in New England. Aleppo Temple in Wilmington will act as host with major support coming from Melha Temple of Springfield and Kora Temple.

Housing Chairman David L. Esancy of Rockland has arranged for some 10,000 hotel rooms in facilities from Andover to Braintree and Framingham. The Shriners are expected to spend more than $55,000,000 while in Massachusetts.

"The convention will be the model used by Boston's leaders to attract major national conventions in the future," pointed out Director General Frederick A. Spencer, Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple. He is also Chairman of the Board of Governors of the famed Shriners Burns Institute.

Factors considered in picking a host city for the Shrine are transportation, attractiveness of the area and available housing. The increased number of hotel accommodations is a major reason why Boston was selected this year.

Shriners coming to Boston for the first time will be introduced to a city that ranks high in educational and health facilities, with an historic and cultural heritage known throughout the world. Boston's professional athletic endeavors have left their imprint on the sporting scene.

The Fez-tive time begins July 1. The Imperial Council (governing body of the international group of Temples) has taken care of the official business prior to the start of the convention. While Shriners are noted for being fun-loving – "men with a boy's spirit" – they take their philanthropic work seriously.

The hospital budget for 1984 was placed at $110 million. Part of that amount comes from the five dollars given by each of the more than 900,000 members. Other monies must be raised through the various Shrine-sponsored programs,such as the East-West Shrine football game played in San Francisco each January, from regional Shrine high school games, circuses, paper drives and various other sources.

Oriental bands are always a crowd-pleaser wherever Shriners meet.

Music

Shatswell's Bookstore, 14 Derby Square, Salem, presents **Accoustic Music Jam** every Thursday at the store, 7 p.m., everyone welcome, coffee served.

Castle Hill Festival Concert and Events schedule includes: June 29 and 30, Chamber Music; July 1, Sunday Chamber Music series with N.E. Conservatory of Music Faculty; July 4, Independence Day Celebration with picnicking, Sousa-band concert and fireworks display; July 5, 6, and 7, Canterbury Tales performed by Castle Hill Theatre Company, staged outdoors.

Downstairs at the Grog, 13 Middle St., Newburyport, presents: tonight and Saturday, Sally and the Sophisticates; Sunday, Apache; Tuesday, Dick Kaplan's Surf Party; Wednesday, Western Union; Thursday, Albert Otis Band.

Big Band Concerts every Thursday evening through July 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., East India Square, Salem. Free parking.

Saturday Night in Marblehead presents Eric Kilburn, singer and songwriter, at the Church of St. Andrew, Rte. 114, Salem-Marblehead line. Doors open at 8 p.m., music begins at 8:30.

Bruce Solar presents **Jessie Colin Young with Steve Geyer and Laurie Melanson**, Thursday at the New Salem Theatre, 293 Essex St., Salem.

Northern Lights, bluegrass, swing, gospel and country musicians, perform Tuesday, 6 p.m., Monument Square, Swampscott.

Music at Eden's Edge, Saturday, 8 p.m., Hammond Castle Museum, 80 Hesperus Ave., Glouester.

Shriners Bands from across the U.S. will join together to play a **free march music concert** on Tuesday at the Prudential Center, Boston, from 6-7 p.m. More than 200 performers. Music from John Phillips Sousa, a service song medley, and Stars and Stripes Forever.

SALEM EVENING NEWS
SALEM, MA

2 Mammoth Shrine parades

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CHELSEA RECORD
CHELSEA, MA

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MALDEN EVENING NEWS
MALDEN, MA

JUN 29 1984

Eagle-Tribune Photos By Jim Davis

Bounce the Clown and Mademoiselle Oooo La La entertain Essex Street crowd

LAWRENCE EAGLE-TRIBUNE
LAWRENCE, MA

Merchants draw Aleppo shoppers with fun

LAWRENCE — Sidewalk sales dotted Essex Street in celebration of Lawrence Intown Bazaar Days yesterday.

Two professional clowns, Bounce and Mademoiselle Oooo La La, entertained crowds.

So did the clown troop from the Telephone Pioneers of America, North Andover. This weekend the troop will judge the International Shrine Clown Association Imperial Session on July 3 at the Aleppo Shrine Temple in Wilmington and the Shriners Parade in Boston on July 4.

Deanna Morris, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morris, 1 Sargent St., Lawrence, learns how to spin a soccer ball

Janet Bonacorsi of Methuen represents Telephone Pioneers

Sparkplug the dog leaps over Salvatore DeMaro, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morris, 1 Sargent St., Lawrence

JUN 30 1984

Grand march

The Shriners, holding their annual convention in Boston for the first time in 100 years, lead two enormous parades through the city streets on Wednesday, July 4 and Thursday, July 5. The Fourth of July parade starts at 1 p.m., the July 5 parade at 7 p.m.

DAILY EVENING ITEM
LYNN, MA

JUN 30 1984

Harborfest highlights Fourth

By The
Associated Press Aleppo

N.E. CALENDAR

Boston Harborfest, the celebration of the city's revitalized waterfront that extends the Fourth of July holiday into a weeklong series of concerts, cruises, foodfairs and fireworks, has a new addition this year – some 50,000 Shriners will be in town for their 110th annual Imperial Council, and the parades they put on, says the Greater Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau, "are mammoth spectacles like no other parades in the world."

The Shriners will put on two, six-hour parades from the Prudential Center to City Hall Plaza; one on July 4 at 1 p.m. and the second on July 5 at 7 p.m.

The ever-popular Chowderfest is at New England Aquarium on June 30 and there's a New England Clambake on July 1 on George's Island.

The Boston Pops will perform in four concerts on the Charles River Esplanade during Harborfest, June 30, July 1 and July 3 at 8:30 p.m., and the big one, July 4 at 8 p.m., which finishes with the "1812 Overture" and a flourish of fireworks.

The concerts are free, as are many other exhibits at the Old State House, the Charlestown Navy Yard and other intown locations. Tickets for festivities requiring admission are available at Visitor Information Centers at Boston Common and the Prudential Center. Further information at 617-536-4100.

But do celebrate in moderation because there is another Independence Day celebration just around the corner, and the French Library in Boston says it's ninth annual Bastille Day 'bal musette' will be the "best party of the year." Who's to argue?

The block between Berkeley and Clarendon along Marlborough Street will be roped off the evening of July 13 (rain date the 14th) and the festivities begin at 6 p.m. For $40 per, there will be a champagne reception with some exquisite hors d'oeuvres. At 7 p.m. a picnic basket dinner complete with wine and dessert while Alfonso and Mauricio sing the songs of Jacques Brel and Edith Piaf. That will be followed by a recreation of tactics used by the civilian army that stormed the Bastille back in 1789 and everyone will join in singing the Marseillaise (shades of Casablanca, that). From 8:30 to midnight, dancing to a 12-piece Calypso band. A la carte food and beverage bars will be open throughout the evening.

A $10 ticket is available if you only want to dance and gawk at the swells.

Reservations are required for the champagne reception and dinner through the library at 53 Marlborough St., Boston, 02116, or call 617-266-4351. Dance only tickets can be bought in advance or at the gate.

SUN CHRONICLE
ATTLEBORO, MA.

JUN 30 1984

Shriners' convention to mix business with merriment

Aleppo

By DAVID GILLIS and ALAN ROSENBERG

FROM CAB drivers to coat-checkers, Boston welcomed 50,000 Shriners and their families yesterday with open arms and upturned palms as the organization's week-long Imperial Council Session began.

Not only will area businesses thrive with the money the Shriners will be spending — estimated at $50 million by Shriner officials — the public will be treated to two, six-hour parades, one Wednesday afternoon and one Thursday night.

More than 12,000 hotels rooms in the region awaited the red-fez corps while radio-equipped Shriners on motorcycles positioned themselves on the highways to direct in-bound traffic.

In their flashy tuxedos, caps and jewelry, the conventioneers couldn't be missed.

Michael Trautman, 30, was dressed as a red-nose, baggy-pants clown to entertain Shriners in the lobby of the Sheraton Boston.

"They're fun guys," he said between mime and juggling acts. "It proves you don't have to be a Shriner to be a clown."

John Winter, 73, of Memphis, Tenn. has been checking into conventions with his wife Virginia for 38 years.

Shriners' brass bands, drum and bugle corps, horse patrols, clowns, bagpipe bands and temple band competitions will entertain the Hub all through the week.

But the Shriners' convention is more than an opportunity for the members to wear their distinctive red fez hats and romp through the streets.

There is Shrine business to be discussed and plans to be made for maintenance of the Shrine's 19 hospitals and three burns institutes for needy children.

Imperial Potentate Richard Olfene, 56, of Auburn, Maine, who became national leader of the Shriners last July at the Imperial Council Session in Denver, called the hospital program "the nuts and bolts" of the Shriners.

"I think our number-one goal should be to improve our facilities," Olfene said, adding that Shriners has budgeted $140 million for major reconstruction or construction of their hospitals.

Ceremonies will be held tomorrow morning at the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston, one of three such facilities in the nation where badly burned children receive treatment free of charge.

The Shriners this week will also elect new national leaders, who serve for one-year terms. Olfene will be stepping down as Imperial Potentate, and Gene Bracewell of Atlanta, Ga., will take his place.

The Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, as the Shriners are officially called, was established in 1872 by two New York men who were members of the Masons, William J. Florence, an actor, and Dr. Walter M. Fleming.

BOSTON HERALD
BOSTON, MA

Shriner bands to play

Aleppo

BOSTON — Shriner bands from across the United States will play marching music from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Prudential Center in Boston.

More than 200 musicians will offer marches by John Philip Sousa, including "The Stars and Stripes Forever," and a medley of other songs.

The program is free and the public is invited.

SUNDAY STANDARD-TIMES
NEW BEDFORD, MA

50,000 Shriners are due in Hub

Aleppo

More than 50,000 Shriners are expected to start arriving in Boston today for the week-long 110th annual Shriners' International Convention.

The highlights of the week, will be two parades running from Copley Square to Government Center on Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday's parade will begin 1 p.m., and Thursday's at 7 p.m.

The parades will feature clowns, music groups, and antique cars. On Wednesday thousands are expected to march. More than 60 Shrine Temples from the United State, Canada, Mexico and Carribean will be represented.

Each night until Friday, the Shriners also will perform at Symphony Hall, the Prudential Center, and other places in the city.

Known for philanthropic work, the Shriners will be concentrating their efforts this year on attracting new members from the Masonry.

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BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE
BOSTON, MA

FEZ-TIVAL Aleppo Shriners march proudly down Main Street in Waltham yesterday, getting in step for the national convention beginning in the Hub Monday. Fifty thousand Shriners and their families are arriving this weekend for the week-long Imperial Council Session.

Staff photo by Jim Mahoney

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BOSTON HERALD
BOSTON, MA

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SUNDAY POST
LYNN, MA

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Fourth of July frolics

Boston

In Boston, there are major doings:

Some 10,000 Shriners nationwide will participate in two huge parades on Wednesday at 1 p.m. (and Thursday, July 5 at 7 p.m.), including impromptu street processions from Boston's Prudential Center via Boylston and Tremont Sts. to Government Center. All sorts of bands, fun vehicles, motorcycles, clowns are promised.

SUN
LOWELL, MA

JUL 1 1984

Shriner lore, etcetera

What do Jerry Ford, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Irving Berlin and Clark Gable all have in common? You got it—they were all Shriners.

Everybody knows the Shriners as fun loving philanthropists with funny hats, but . . . well, that's what they are. Here's how they started and some of the contributions they have made along the way.

The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was founded in 1872 by two men in the centuries-old Mason fraternity. The founders were an appropriate combination of a doctor and a comedian.

The two thought the Masons were too ritualistic and took themselves too seriously, so they decided that after having reached the "32nd degree" (you need to reach three secret "degrees" to be a Mason) there should be a more light hearted alternative.

The comedian went to Paris (on an unrelated matter) and ended up dining with an Arabian diplomat. After dinner he realized he had been inducted into a secret society, and he thought the arabic traditions would be a perfect base for a new Masonic order. (It's confusing on this end, too). Off he went to Cairo, where he picked up more of the traditions before returning to the New York doctor with his inspiration.

Shriners are now 900,000 members strong, organized into 180 temples. Each temple is named after a Mid-Eastern city; the hat owes its name to Fez, the principal city of Morocco.

"The Shriners run the gamut from age 21 to 80s and 90s," said Harold W. Foley, public relations member of the Aleppo Temple. "Any man can be a Mason, and any man who's reached the 32nd degree can be a Shriner."

Boston's burn center was one of three built after the advent of the polio vaccination, when the American Medical Association reported that burns were the most severe and unresearched caused of crippling children. According to Foley, Shriners don't take stands on political issues ("politics and the Shrine don't mix").

"The average Shriner is dedicated, fun-loving and enjoys life," Foley said. The convention's slogan? "Boston's yours in '84!"

It should be quite a week.

— *S. Hutchison*

BOSTON LEDGER
BROOKLINE, MA

Plan holiday parades

Two Shriners parades are planned in Boston: Wednesday, July 4, 1 p.m.; Thursday, July 5, 7 p.m. Above Imperial Potentate F. Olfene, left seated, Richard Norris, leaning over clown, of Winchester, potentate of Aleppo Temple.

NEWS-TRIBUNE
WALTHAM, MA

Shriners arrive in Boston

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FALL RIVER HERALD NEWS
FALL RIVER, MA

JUL 2 1984

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PATRIOT LEDGER
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Aleppo

PEABODY TIMES
BEVERLY, MA

MBTA cracks down on pickpocketers

Aleppo

By KEVIN CULLEN

MBTA Police yesterday said a beefed-up pickpocket patrol added for the arrival of 50,000 Shriners has knocked down thefts, even though a rash of pickpocketing last week was not directed at the Shriners, but at concert-goers.

After a rash of seven pickpocketing incidents on the transit system last Tuesday, MBTA Police Chief William Bratton said he would add three extra patrols to the routine dip patrol.

Bratton yesterday said the patrols have worked. Reported incidents are down to one or two a day, which is average.

While Bratton last week said the rash of incidents was tied directly to the Shriners' convention, yesterday he said an investigation by Sgt. Peter Shaughnessy showed the rash was linked to the opening of the Concerts on the Common series.

In light of that revelation, Bratton said he would add special patrols to curb pickpocketing the nights of concerts on Boston Common.

BOSTON HERALD
BOSTON, MA

You don't have to be Shriner to enjoy worldwide gathering

Aleppo

WILMINGTON – A country and western night this evening, and a clown competition, mounted horse patrol competition, and German beerfest tomorrow, are open to the public free of charge in Wilmington as the Shriners hold their annual international convention this week.

The Wilmington events take place at the Mosque Temple Auditorium, Wilmington, at 99 Fordham Road, in conjunction with the 110th annual Imperial Convention Session of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The week-long event marks the first time the international convention has been held in Boston.

The country and western night takes place from 8 p.m. to midnight this evening.

Tomorrow, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the International Shrine Clown Association will hold its Clownarama competition. At the same time, 100 horses will be involved in a mounted horse patrol competition.

Tomorrow evening from 8 to midnight, the German beerfest will take place, with music provided by the Polka Dot Band.

SUN
LOWELL, MA.

JUL 2 1984

The Shriners are coming!

SHRINERS ARE MARCHIN' IN to Boston for the annual international Shriners convention, July 1-6. More than 50,000 Shriners from the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Caribbean will invade the Hub, turning the Athens of America into an Arabian Nights Dream. The Shriners mammoth parades take place Wednesday at 1 p.m., and Thursday at 7 p.m.

MEDFORD DAILY MERCURY
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SHRINERS FEST 5 YEARS IN PLANNING

Aleppo

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Richard F. Norris, the Illustrious Potentate of this area's Aleppo chapter, said the 110th annual Shriners' International Convention was five years in the planning.

No detail was overlooked, he said. Radio-equipped members on motorcycles pa-

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roled the highways statewide this weekend to aid and direct the thousands of fez-topped Shriners coming from all over North America.

One parade steps off Wednesday at 1 p.m., the second Thursday at 7 p.m.

For traveling arrangements, the Shriners relied on the services of Trans National, a Boston-based travel company.

Last night, Trans National thanked the Shriners for their business, feasting about 600 officers and their wives at a lobster dinner.

Gov. Michael Dukakis was on hand to welcome them to town.

The group, known formally as the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will also elect new officers.

Gene Bracewell of Atlanta will serve a one-year term as Imperial Potentate.

— ALAN ROSENBERG

BOSTON HERALD
BOSTON, MA

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Associated Press

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BEVERLY TIMES
BEVERLY, MA

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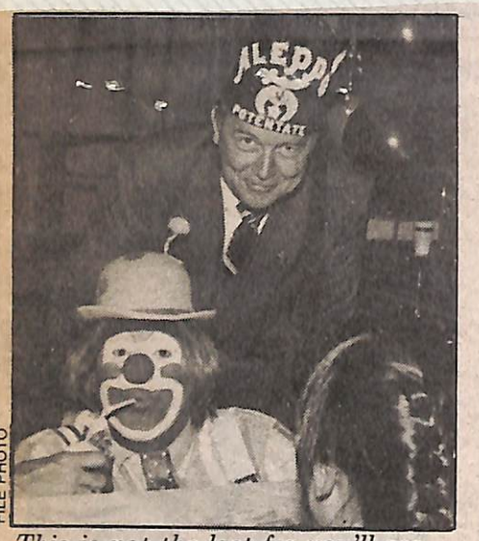
The Shriners are here!



FILE PHOTO

This is not the last fez you'll see.

By Susan Hutchison

Millard Hamilton is from Missouri, the Show Me state, so he figures that when he and his 150 buddies from Kansas City arrive in Boston this week, they better have plenty to see. For one thing, they are meeting a few friends—about 50,000 of them—but they will be easy to recognize. They'll all be wearing fezzes.

Yes, Boston, the Shriners are coming to town. They're coming with parades scheduled, competitions planned, air shows and clown shows.

They're coming from Honolulu and Anchorage, Little Rock and Salt Lake City. And the reason they're traveling all the way to New England for their 110th annual convention? It is the doing of Richard F. Oldfene, known in Shriner circles as the Imperial Potentate. He hails from Lewiston Maine, and he thought it was about time that New England got a little national attention from the Shriners.

"There's an awful lot of history up there . . . the North Church and all," says Tommy Thompson from Salt Lake City. Since he's never been to Boston this is hearsay, but Thompson has no problems with the imperial potentate's choice. "Maybe we'll go up to Hyannis or drive up the coast . . . or maybe the potentate and myself will just poke around and see what there is."

The convention will run until July 6, and it will be the largest ever held in the city. The Shriners will gather to elect new officers, receive annual reports on the hospitals they sponsor—and eat out, travel, and buy gifts. City officials, in fact, estimate that $55 million will be spent here by the visitors.

Most of Boston's new (and old) hotels are booked solid for the week; at the Copley Place Marriott alone, 900 rooms have been set aside. For those Shriners who don't want a pricey hotel suite though, area institutions including two dorms at Boston University will provide more humble lodging.

Duke and the gang.

JUL 2 1984

Convention officials are crossing their fingers that the week is a success. "We're the test case for the city," said Boston's Aleppo Temple Potentate Richard Norris, a funeral director. "We talked to the governor and the mayor, and if this goes well, they're really going to go after the convention business."

But can the city handle it? The Greater Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau and the Sheraton Boston Hotel (convention headquarters) think it can be done.

"We've been planning for this since 1978 when the Imperial Potenate decided to have it here," said Celeste Reid of the GBCTB. "We've co-ordinated all the housing and we set up a meeting with the mayor to make sure their events wouldn't conflict with the city's schedule and transit system."

The Ledger contacted a few out-of-town Shriners to see what was on the top of their list of sights to see and things to do. Many of them wanted to visit the Shriners Burns Institute here, one of only three in the country (most of their other hospitals are for crippled children).

But there were other common items on the list.

"The majority of us have never been to the city before," said Hamilton, who has been to Boston. The Kansas City group will be staying at the Westin. "I expect we'll want to go to the restaurants, and see the North Church . . . we want to go to Anthony's Pier 4, but I expect we won't be able to get in." Millard is a realist.

Although the convention is mainly for the Shriners themselves, many will bring their wives along. The GBCTB will provide travel information and discounts (the "Yankee Dollars" program), but most of the Shriners and their spouses will strike out on their own.

"Us out here in the West, we forget about the distance and how close everything is there," admitted Thompson from Salt Lake City. "The wives will be able to group together within their own temples and shop around."

It is likely that a lot of the "shopping around" will take place in the North End because of its historical interest and Italian restaurant fame. "I live next door to North Church," said Josephine Dzygala. "I guess I'm glad to be going to the Cape that week." She guessed that the merchants and children would welcome the Shriners—"It would've been perfect if we'd had a festival."

Other scheduling problems have already begun to surface. Rumor has it that Mayor Flynn voiced concern about one of the parades conflicting with the traffic expected for the Pops concert that night. Shriners, though, are equal to such challenges, and everything is expected to go without a hitch—the July 3 and 4 parades, the Oriental band competition July 2, the nightly carnivals and air shows, *everything*.

Carol Nashe, public relations director at the Sheraton, where more than 1400 VIP Shriners are staying, said the hotel is "electric" with meal plans, entertainment schedules and business meeting agendas. "There is pressure on the city over this convention," she said. "It has taken teamwork by the whole city, from the mayor to the Newbury Street merchants to the cab drivers to each room attendant, to make sure the Shriners want to come back again."

But some of the out-of-towners have been here before, and they will be arriving from Shriner-scheduled "pre-trips" to Maine, Martha's Vineyard and the Cape. For instance, Tom Dooley from Little Rock knows what to expect: he is originally from New York.

Dooley's temple is only bringing 10 people, but they will all wear their fezzes with pride. "Sometimes the fezzes get kind of hot, so we'll take them off to eat or whatever," Dooley said. "But we're proud of them. We want people to know we're here." They will Tom, they will. ■

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